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Operation Guide

Microwave Oven

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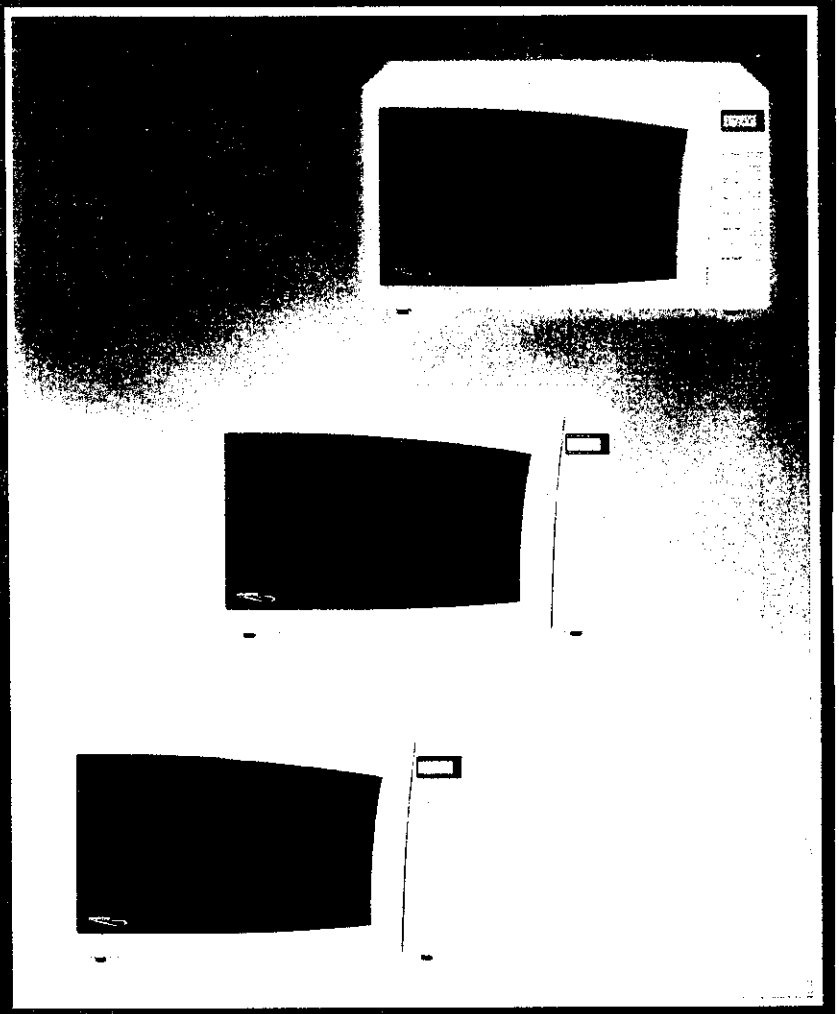

Model Number:

NN-S573 / NN-S563 / NN-S553

- We are glad you have chosen to purchase a PANASONIC microwave oven. Before operating this oven, please read these instructions carefully and completely, and keep them for further reference.

If you have only used a microwave oven for reheating and defrosting, with Panasonic's Inverter Technology you can be reassured of excellent results when cooking a variety of foods, as the 'soft' penetration of microwave energy to the centre of food helps prevent over cooking on edges and surfaces. Foods can now be gently simmered without the concern of boil over.

After reading the introductory chapter, I am sure you will be able to master the basic techniques and thereby develop a firm understanding of your new oven. This book includes recipes from starters to desserts. After trying our recipes be sure to adapt your favourite recipes to microwave methods.

Start experimenting now, and enjoy the first class results you will achieve by using your new microwave oven.

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Turn over for Cookbook

The serial number of this product may be found on the back side of the oven. You should note the model number and serial number of this oven in the space provided and retain this book as a permanent record of your purchase for future reference.

MODEL NUMBER _____

SERIAL NUMBER _____

DATE OF PURCHASE _____

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Safety Instructions

Precautions to be taken when using Microwave Ovens for Heating foodstuffs

INSPECTION FOR DAMAGE. A microwave oven should only be used if an inspection confirms all of the following conditions:

1. The door fits squarely and securely and opens and closes smoothly.
2. The door hinges are in good condition.
3. The metal plates of a metal seal on the door are neither buckled nor deformed.
4. The door seals are neither covered with food nor have large burn marks.

PRECAUTIONS. Microwave radiation from microwave ovens can cause harmful effects if the following precautions are not taken:

1. Never tamper with or deactivate the interlocking devices on the door.
2. Never poke an object, particularly a metal object, through a grille or between the door and the oven while the oven is operating.
3. Never place saucepans, unopened cans or other heavy metal objects in the oven.
4. Do not let other metallic articles, e.g., fast food foil containers, touch the side of the oven.
5. Clean the oven cavity, the door and the seals with water and a mild detergent at regular intervals. Never use any form of abrasive cleaner that may scratch or scour surfaces around the door.
6. Always use the oven with trays or cookware recommended by the manufacturer.
7. Never operate the oven without a load (i.e., an absorbing material such as food or water) in the oven cavity unless specifically allowed in the manufacturer's literature.
8. For horizontally hinged doors, never rest heavy objects such as food containers on the door while it is open.
9. Do not place sealed containers in microwave ovens. Baby bottles fitted with a screw cap or a teat are considered to be sealed containers.
10. The appliance is not intended for use by young children or infirm persons without supervision.
11. Young children should be supervised to ensure that they do not play with the appliance.

Important Instructions

WARNING—To reduce the risk of burns, electric shock, fire, injury to persons or excessive microwave energy:

1. Read all instructions before using the microwave oven.
2. Some products such as whole eggs and sealed containers - (for example, closed glass jars **and sealed baby bottles with teat**) - may explode and should not be heated in the microwave oven.
3. Use this microwave oven only for its intended use as described in this manual.
4. As with any appliance, close supervision is necessary when used by children.
5. Do not operate this microwave oven if it is not working properly or if it has been damaged or dropped.
6. To reduce the risk of fire in the oven cavity:
   (a) Do not overcook food. Carefully attend microwave oven if paper, plastic, or other combustible materials are placed inside the oven to facilitate cooking.
   (b) Remove wire twist-ties from bags before placing bag in oven.
   (c) If materials inside the oven should ignite, keep oven door closed, turn oven off at the wall switch, or shut off power at the fuse or circuit breaker panel.

Earthing Instructions

This microwave oven must be earthed. In the event of an electrical short circuit, earthing reduces the risk of electric shock by providing an escape wire for the electric current. This microwave oven is equipped with a cord having an earthing wire with an earthing plug. The plug must be plugged into an outlet that is properly installed and earthed.

WARNING—Improper use of the earthing plug can result in a risk of electric shock.

WE CERTIFY THAT THIS MICROWAVE OVEN HAS BEEN INSPECTED AND COMPLIES WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF REGULATION 3, SUBCLAUSE(2), OF THE MICROWAVE OVENS REGULATIONS 1982.
MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO.,LTD.

(This statement applicable only to New Zealand.)

We certify that this microwave oven has been inspected and complies with the safety requirements of government notice 466 of March 1981, and complies with the Radio Regulation of government notice 587 of March 1986.

(This statement applicable only to South Africa)

WARNING

a) The door seals and door seal areas should be cleaned with a damp cloth. The appliance should be inspected for damage to the door seals and door seal areas and if these areas are damaged the appliance should not be operated until it has been repaired by a qualified service technician trained by the manufacturer.
b) It is dangerous for anyone other than a qualified service technician trained by the manufacturer to perform repair services.
c) If the supply cord of this appliance is damaged, it must be replaced by a qualified service technician with the special cord available only from the manufacturer.
d) Before use, the user should check that utensils are suitable for use in microwave ovens.
e) Liquids or other foods must not be heated in sealed containers since they are liable to explode.
f) Only allow children to use the oven without supervision when adequate instructions have been given so that the child is able to use the oven in a safe way and understands the hazards of improper use.

Installation and General Instructions

General Use

1. In order to maintain high quality, do not operate the oven when empty. The microwave energy will reflect continuously throughout the oven if no food or water is present to absorb energy.
2. If smoke is observed, press the ***STOP/RESET*** Pad and leave door closed in order to stifle any flames. Disconnect the power cord, and/or shut off power at the fuse or circuit breaker panel.
3. Do not dry clothes, newspapers or other materials in oven. They may catch on fire.
4. Do not use recycled paper products, unless the paper product is labelled as safe for microwave oven use. Recycled paper products may contain impurities which may cause sparks and/or fires when used.
5. Do not use newspapers or paper bags for cooking.
6. Do not hit or strike the Control Panel. Damage to controls may occur.
7. POT HOLDERS may be needed as heat from food is transferred to the cooking container and from the container to the Glass Tray. The GlassTray can be very hot after removing the cooking container from the oven.
8. Do not store flammable materials next to, on top of, or in the oven. It could be a fire hazard.
9. Do not cook food directly on Glass Tray unless indicated in recipes. (Food should be placed in a suitable cooking utensil.)
10. **Do NOT** use this oven to heat chemicals or other non-food products. **Do NOT** clean this oven with any product that is labelled as containing corrosive chemicals. **The heating of corrosive chemicals in this oven may cause microwave radiation leaks.**
11. Look at the oven from time to time when food is heated or cooked in disposal containers of plastic, paper or other combustible materials, as these types of containers ignite if overheated.

Placement of Oven

1. The oven must be placed on a flat, stable surface. For correct operation, the oven must have sufficient air flow. **Allow 15 cm of space on the top of the oven, 10 cm at the back, and 5 cm on both sides. If one side of the oven is placed flush to wall, the other side or top must not be blocked. Do not remove feet.**
   a. Do not block air vents. If they are blocked during operation, the oven may be overheated and damaged. When using any cloth over the oven, the air intake and exhaust should not be blocked. Also allow sufficient space on back and both sides of the oven.
   b. Do not place oven near a hot or damp surface such as a gas stove, electric range or sink etc.
   c. Do not operate oven when room humidity is too high.
2. This oven was manufactured for household use only.
3. This microwave oven is designed and approved for counter top use only. Failure due to built-in installation may void the warranty.

Circuits

Your microwave oven should be operated on a separate 10 A circuit from other appliances. Failure to do this may cause the power board fuse to blow, and/or food to cook slower. Do not insert higher value fuse in the power board.

Food

1. Do not use your oven for home canning or the heating of any closed jar. Pressure will build up and the jar may explode. In addition, the microwave oven cannot maintain the food at the correct canning temperature. Improperly canned food may spoil and be dangerous to consume.
2. Do not attempt to deep fat fry in your microwave oven.
3. Do not boil eggs in their shell and whole hard-boiled eggs (unless otherwise stated in Cooking Guide section). Pressure will build up and the eggs will explode.
4. Potatoes, apples, egg yolks, whole squash and sausages are examples of foods with nonporous skins. This type of food must be pierced before cooking, to prevent bursting.
5. When heating liquids, e.g. soup, sauces and beverages, in your microwave oven, overheating the liquid beyond boiling point can occur without evidence of bubbling. This could result in a sudden boil over of hot liquid. To prevent this possibility the following steps should be taken:
   a) Avoid using straight-sided containers with narrow necks.
   b) Do not overheat.
   c) Stir the liquid before placing the container in the oven and halfway through cooking time.
   d) After heating, allow to stand in the oven for a short time, stirring again before carefully removing the container.
6. **DO NOT USE A CONVENTIONAL MEAT THERMOMETER IN THE MICROWAVE OVEN. To check the degree of cooking of roasts and poultry use a MICROWAVE THERMOMETER.** Alternatively, a conventional meat thermometer may be used after the food is removed from the oven. If undercooked, return meat or poultry to the oven and cook for a few more minutes at the recommended power level. It is important to ensure that meat and poultry are thoroughly cooked.
7. **COOKING TIMES given in the Cooking Guide section are APPROXIMATE.** Factors that may affect cooking time are preferred degree of moisture content, starting temperature, altitude, volume, size, shape of food and utensils used. As you become familiar with the oven, you will be able to adjust for these factors.
8. **It is better to UNDERCOOK RATHER THAN OVERCOOK foods.** If food is undercooked, it can always be returned to the oven for further cooking. If food is overcooked, nothing can be done. Always start with minimum cooking times recommended.
9. Extreme care should be taken when cooking popcorn in a microwave oven. Cook for minimum time as recommended by manufacturer. Use the directions suitable for the wattage of your microwave oven. NEVER leave oven unattended when popping popcorn.
10. When heating food in plastic or paper containers, check the oven frequently due to the possibility of ignition.
11. The contents of feeding bottles and baby food jars are to be stirred or shaken and the temperature is to be checked before consumption, in order to avoid burns.

Microwaves and How They Work

Microwaves are a form of high frequency radio waves similar to those used by a radio, including AM, FM and CB. They are similar to a television where the radio waves are converted to a picture on the screen. However, microwaves are much shorter than radio waves; approximately twelve centimetres wave length. Electricity is converted into microwave energy by the magnetron tube (which is the heart of the microwave oven).
From the magnetron tube, microwave energy is transmitted to the oven cavity through a small plastic covered piece. The microwaves are converted to heat in the food. The microwaves enter from the outside of the food and travel through the food losing half of their power every two to three centimetres. Continued cooking to the centre occurs by conduction.
Although pacemakers used to be affected by microwaves (as well as by other radio waves), they are now shielded and are not bothered by these interferences. This allows people with pacemakers to sit calmly by their radio or television and cook with microwave ovens.
When microwaves come in contact with a substance, any one or combination of three things may occur. They can be:
1. REFLECTED
2. TRANSMITTED
3. ABSORBED

Reflection:
Metal substances REFLECT microwave energy and because there is no absorption, there is no heating. This is why the oven interior is either stainless steel or epoxy-coated steel. This ensures that the microwaves are kept inside the cavity and evenly distributed throughout the food with the help of the turntable.

Transmission:
Such substances as paper, glass and plastic TRANSMIT microwave energy and do not become hot except from food. Because these substances do not reflect or absorb microwave energy, they are ideal materials for microwave cooking containers.

Absorption:
Food contains moisture and will ABSORB microwave energy, which causes the moisture molecules within the food to vibrate at an incredible rate (2,450,000,000 times per second). Friction, created by the vibration, produces heat energy which is conducted throughout the food.

Cookware and Utensil Guide

It is important to use the correct container when cooking in a microwave oven. The following will help you make the right selection.

How to Test a Container for Safe Microwave Oven Use

TO TEST A CONTAINER FOR SAFE MICROWAVE OVEN USE: Fill a 1-cup glass measure with cool water and place it in the microwave oven alongside the empty container to be tested; **heat one (1) minute at P10.** If the container is microwave oven-safe (transparent to microwave energy), the container should remain comfortably cool, the water in glass measure should be hot. If the container is hot, it has absorbed some microwave energy and should NOT be used. This test cannot be used for plastic containers.

Paper Products and Freezer Wrap

Waxed paper, paper plates, cups and napkins should not be used for heating or cooking food. Freezer wrap should not be used as it is not heat resistant and may melt. Paper towel, greaseproof paper and bake paper may be safely used for short periods of time for covering or lining.

Glass, Ceramic and China

Heat-Resistant glass cookware is invaluable in microwave cooking. Many of these items are readily available in most homes: glass jugs, mixing bowls, loaf dishes, covered casseroles, oblong baking dishes, pie plates and round or square cake dishes. Examples of this type of cookware are Pyrex® and Corningware®.

Dinnerware can be used for microwave heating. Many brands of dinnerware are microwave safe. Check the care information for reference to microwave use for dinnerware and serving pieces. If dinnerware is marked ovenproof, it frequently is safe to use in the microwave oven. However, to be sure, check by conducting microwave dish test previously mentioned.

Several types of glassware and dinnerware are not recommended for use in the microwave oven. Do not use dishes with metallic trim or containers with metal parts. Do not use cups or mugs with glued on handles, as they may fall off with continued heating. Do not use delicate glassware. Although the glassware may be transparent to microwave energy the heat from the food may cause the glassware to crack.

One of the most common uses for a microwave oven is to reheat food. Your Panasonic microwave allows you to either reheat by placing food into the oven and you choose the micro power level and length of heating time or you may reheat automatically by using the SENSOR REHEAT or AUTO REHEAT buttons on your microwave. Following are some directions for reheating pre-cooked foods from either frozen refrigerator temperature or room temperature.

General rules for reheating foods by Micro Power

- Many convenience foods contain heating instructions on the packaging. It is best to follow these instructions, being sure to check the wattage of the oven they used and adjust the cooking time if necessary (decrease cooking time by 10% for every 100watts more powerful your oven is)
- If package directions are not available, following the recommendations in the charts on the following pages.
- All foods must be pre-cooked; raw foods will not cook through during reheating times and if consumed may cause illness.
- Do not reheat in foil containers, cans or plastic containers as incorrect heating times will result. Place foods into microwave safe bowls or dinner - plate before heating.
- Most foods can be heated on P10 but consider if the food is delicate in structure like baked custard or you have a large quantity, a lower power level for slightly longer may be gentler.
- Cover foods with plastic wrap if you require a steamed effect or leave uncovered for a dryer surface e.g. Crumbed foods
  Note: when cooking by Sensor Cook all food must be covered.
- Stir or re-arrange foods during heating as this will help food heat evenly. Stir after heating and let stand for 2 to 3 minutes. Check temperatures before adding extra heating time and ensure food is hot. If food is not heated enough, consumption may cause illness.

Reheating by Sensor Cook (S) (125 g - 1.0 kg)

- Reheating by Sensor is suitable for pre-cooked foods, which are frozen, refrigerator temperature of room temperature. It is suitable for casseroles, plated meals, soup, stews, pasta dishes (except lasagne) and canned foods.
- Do not reheat bread or pastry products, raw uncooked food or beverages on Sensor Reheat.
- Foods greater than 1 kg or smaller than 125 g should be cooked by micro power and time.
- Follow general directions for heating as above.
- Cover foods securely with plastic wrap or a fitted lid, which does not snap seal.
- During the heating time, the oven will 'beep' and prompt you to stir/rearrange the food. There is no need to recover if not required.
- After heating, stir the food, check it is hot and allow standing for 2 to 3 minutes.

To Operate: Press *Sensor Reheat* / *Frozen Reheat* then Press ***Start.***

Reheating by Auto Cook [A] (250 g - 850 g)

- Foods weighting less than 200 g and more than 900 g should be heated by micro power and time.
- Auto Cook has 2 settings one for heating frozen foods and one for heating foods from refrigerator or room temperature.
- Suitable foods include casseroles, plated dinners, soups, stews, pasta dishes. (except lasagne) and canned foods.
- Do not reheat bread or pastry items, raw or uncooked foods or beverages.
- Cover foods loosely with plastic wrap or a lid, which does not snap seal.
- Anytime during the cooking time, the oven will 'beep' and prompt you to rearrange or stir. At the end of cooking time, stir the food, check it is hot and allow standing 2 to 3 minutes.

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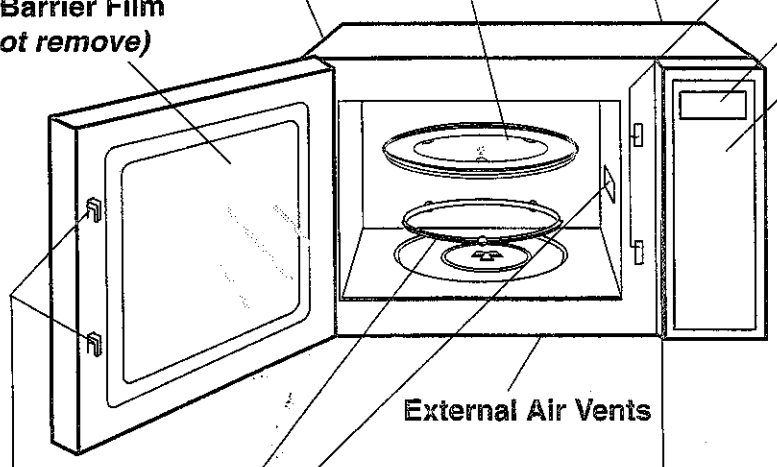
To Operate: Press *Auto Reheat* or *Frozen Reheat* Select weight then press ***Start.***

Feature Diagram

Glass Tray

1. Do not operate the oven without the Roller Ring and Glass Tray in place.
2. Only use the Glass Tray specifically designed for this oven. Do not substitute another Glass Tray.
3. If Glass Tray is hot, allow to cool before cleaning or placing in water.
4. **Do not** cook directly on Glass Tray. Always place food on a microwave-safe dish, or on a rack set in a microwave-safe dish.
5. If food or utensil on Glass Tray touches oven walls, causing the tray to stop moving, the tray will automatically rotate in opposite direction. This is normal.
6. Glass Tray can rotate in either direction.



External Air Vents

Internal Air Vents

Door Safety Lock System

Oven Window with Vapor Barrier Film *(do not remove)*

Display Window

Control Panel

•Covered with removable protective film to prevent scratches during shipping. Small bubbles may appear under this film. When this happens, remove film carefully. *(Hint - apply masking or clear tape to an exposed corner and pull gently to remove.)*

External Air Vents

Door Safety Lock System

Cover (do not remove)

Identification Plate

The model number and serial number are displayed here

Roller Ring

1. The Roller Ring and oven floor should be cleaned frequently to prevent excessive noise and scratching.
2. The Roller Ring must always be used together with the Glass Tray for cooking.

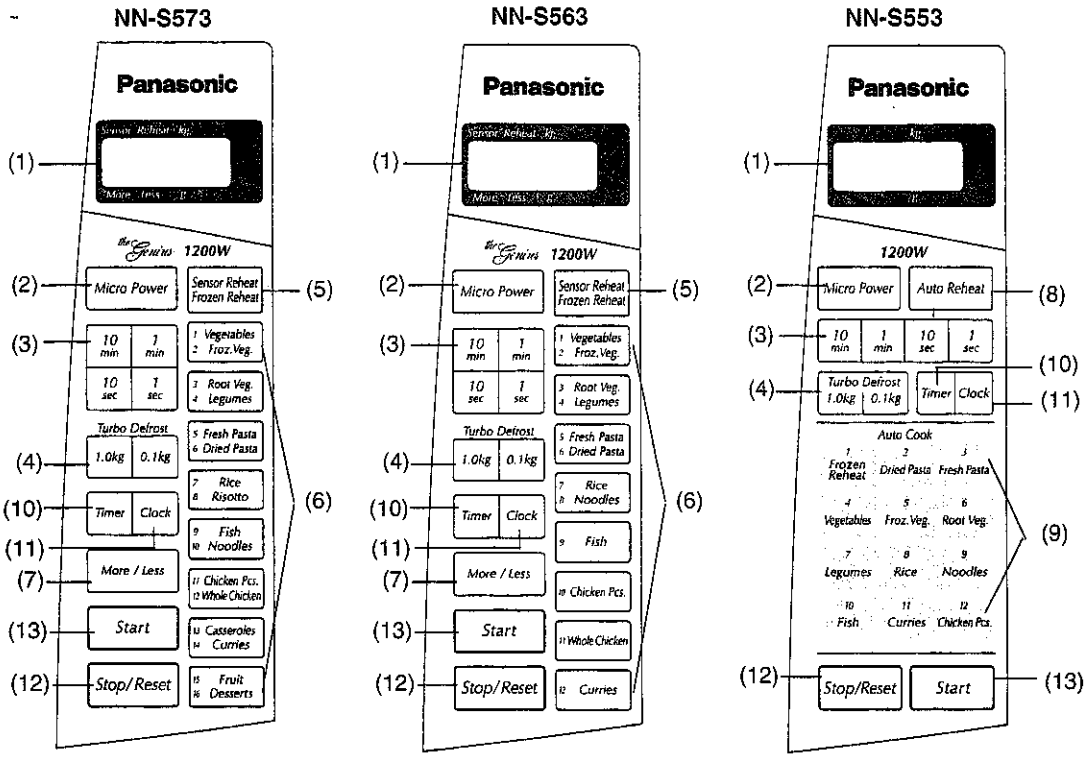
Pull Open Door

Pull to open the door. Opening the door during cooking will stop the cooking process without cancelling the program. Cooking resumes as soon as the door is closed and **Start** Pad is pressed. It is quite safe to open the door at any time during a cooking program and there is no risk of Microwave exposure.

Oven Light

Oven Light turns on during cooking and also when door is opened.

Control Panels



CONTROL PANELS

(1) Display Window
(2) *Micro Power* Pad (pg. 9)
(3) Time Pads
(4) *Turbo Defrost* Pad (pg. 10)
(5) *Sensor Reheat* Pad (pg. 14)
(6) Sensor Cook Pads (pg. 14)
(7) *More/Less* Pad (pg. 14)
(8) *Auto Reheat* Pad (pg. 12)
(9) *Auto Cook* Pads (pg. 13)
(10) *Timer* Pad (pg. 15)
(11) *Clock* Pad (pg. 8)

(12) *Stop/Reset* Pad

Before cooking: One tap clears your instructions.
During cooking: One tap temporarily stops the cooking process. Another tap cancels all your instructions and time of day appears in the Display Window.

(13) *Start* Pad

One tap allows oven to begin functioning. If door is opened or ***Stop/Reset*** Pad is pressed once during oven operation, ***Start*** Pad must again be pressed to restart oven.

Beep Sound

When a pad is pressed correctly, a beep sound will be heard.
If a pad is pressed and no beep is heard, the unit did not or could not accept the instruction. The oven will beep twice betwen programmed stages. At the end of any completed program, the oven will beep 5 times.

Let's Start To Use Your Oven!

1 Plug in

Plug into a properly earthed electrical outlet. " 88:88 " will appear in the Display Window. (This will immediately cease when any pad is pressed.)

2 Open Door

Open the door and place container with food on Glass Tray in the oven. Then close the door.

3 Select Power Level

e.g. P7

Press ***Micro Power*** Pad four times.

(see page 9 for Micro Power chart)

4 Set Time

e.g. 1 minute 30 seconds

Press Time Pad

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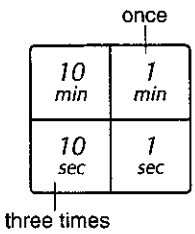

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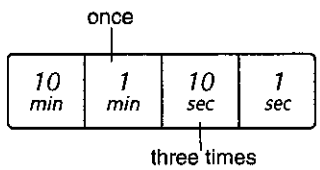
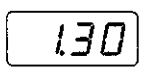


5 Press

Verify your selection(s) in the Display Window.

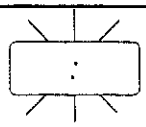


To Set Clock

You can use the oven without setting the clock.

1 Press [Clock]

Colon will blink in Display Window.



2 Enter Time of Day

Enter time of day using Time Pads e.g. 12:35
Clock is a 12 hour display. There isn't a.m. or p.m. setting.

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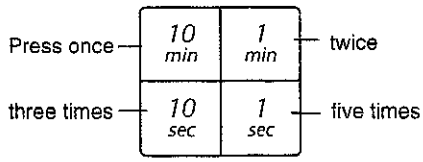

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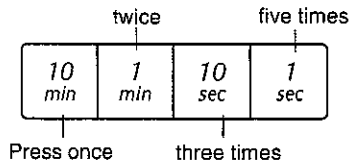
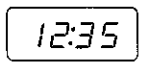


3 Press [Clock]

Colon stops blinking; time of day is entered and locked into Display Window.

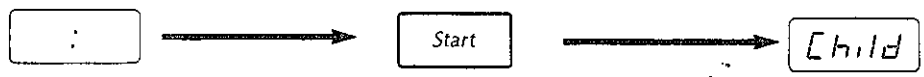


NOTES: 1. Oven will not operate while colon is still blinking
2. To reset time of day, repeat step 1 through 3.
3. The clock will keep the time of day as long as oven is plugged in and electricity is supplied.
4. Maximum time available is 12:59. Clock is 12 hour only. One o'clock will be displayed as 1:00 not 13:00.

To Use Child Safety Lock

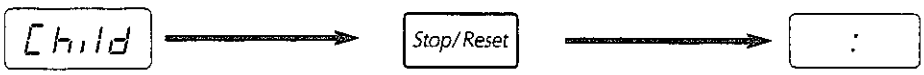
This feature allows you to prevent operation of the oven by a young child; however, the door will open.
You can set Child Safety Lock when colon or time of day is displayed.

To set:



Colon or time of day is displayed — **Press 3 times.** — Display Window

To cancel:



Display Window — **Press 3 times.** — Colon or time of day is displayed

To Cook / Reheat / Defrost by Micro Power and Time

1 Select Power Level

Press ***Micro Power*** Pad until the
power level appears in the Display Window.
(see chart below)

Note: When selecting P10 on the first stage, you can start from step 2.

2 Set Cooking Time e.g. 5 minutes

(P10: up to 30 minutes, other powers: up to 99 minutes and 99 seconds for a single stage)

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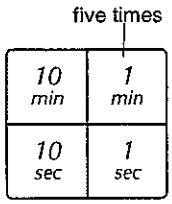

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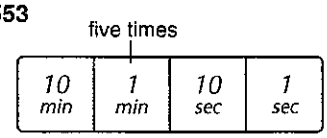
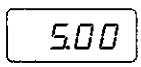


3 Press

Cooking will start.
The time in the Display Window will count down.



For more than one stage cooking,
Repeat steps 1 & 2 above then press ***Start***. The oven will beep twice between stages.

e.g. : Casserole

Stage 1	Stage 2
P10 for 10 minutes to bring to a boil	P7 for 80 minutes to finish cooking by simmering

Micro Power:
The ***Micro Power*** Pad gives you a selection of different power levels representing decreasing amounts of microwave energy, used for cooking foods at different speeds.
e.g.The lower the micro power setting, the more evenly the food cooks, although it will take a little longer.
To select the correct power level for cooking different foods, refer to the chart below.

Press	POWER LEVEL	POWER	EXAMPLE OF USE
1x	P10	100 %	Boil water. Reheat. Cook vegetables, rice, pasta and noodles.
2x	P9	90 %	Cook fresh fruits.
3x	P8	80 %	Cook cakes, desserts. Heat milk.
4x	P7	70 %	Cook pork, whole chicken and chicken pieces, dried peas and beans.
5x	P6	60 %	Cook beef, lamb and eggs. Melt butter.
6x	P5	45 %	Cook meatloaves. Melt chocolate.
7x	P4	40 %	Cook fish and seafood.
8x	P3	30 %	Thaw foods. Cook christmas pudding, corned beef.
9x	P2	20 %	Simmer soups, stews and casseroles (less tender cuts).
10x	P1	10 %	Keep cooked foods warm, simmer slowly.

To Defrost

Turbo Defrost

This feature allows you to defrost meat, poultry and seafood automatically by just setting the weight.

1 Set Weight

The shape and size of the food will determine the maximum weight the oven can accommodate. The recommended maximum weight of food depends on the oven cavity size. Weight must be programmed in kilograms and tenths of a kilogram (max 3.0 kg).

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Turbo Defrost

1.0kg	*0.1kg*

Enter weight.

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Turbo Defrost	
1.0kg	*0.1kg*

Enter weight.

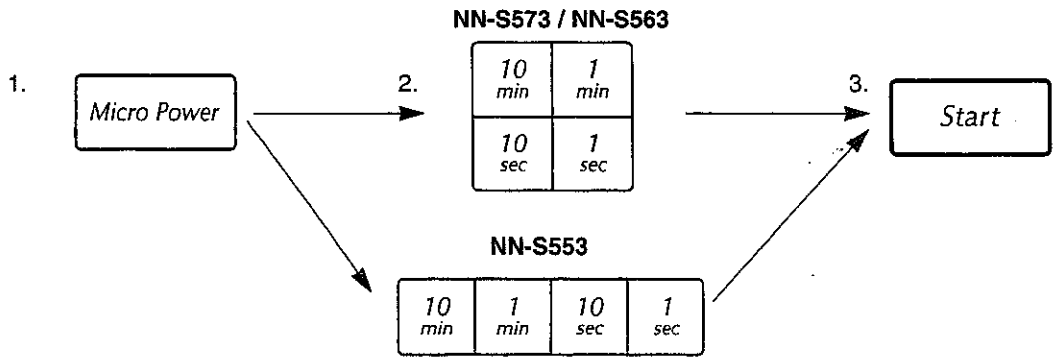
2 Press

Start

Defrost time appears in the Display Window and begins to count down.
When cooking time is longer than 60 minutes, the time will appear in hours and minutes.
NOTES:
For further information, refer to next page.

Defrost by Micro Power and Time Setting

Defrosting is done on P3 Power



• Press 8 times for P3. • Set time according to chart on page 11. • Press.

Defrosting Technique:

1. Remove from wrapper and set on a defrosting rack in a dish on Glass Tray.
2. On Turbo Defrost, the oven may beep during the defrosting time. At "beep", turn over all meat, poultry, fish and shellfish. Break apart stewing meat, chicken pieces and minced meat. Separate chops and hamburger patties.Shield thin ends of roasts, poultry legs and wings, fat or bones with foil.
3. Throughout the defrosting time, remove any defrosted portions of mince or cubed meat, etc.
4. After defrosting, large roasts may still be icy in the centre. Let stand, 15 to 30 minutes, in refrigerator to complete defrosting.

Defrosting Tips and Techniques

Preparation for Freezing:

1. Heavy-duty plastic wraps, bags and freezer wrap are suitable.
2. Freeze meats, poultry and fish in packages with only 1 or 2 layers of food. To aid in separating layers, place two pieces of wax paper between them.
3. REMOVE ALL AIR and seal securely.
4. LABEL package with type and cut of meat, date and weight.
5. Defrosting times given in the charts are for thoroughly frozen foods (i.e. at least 24 hours in freezer maintained at -18°C or lower).

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Defrosting Chart (by setting Micro Power at P3):

FOOD	APPROX. TIME (minutes per 500 g)	INSTRUCTION
MEAT		
Beef		
Minced Beef	7 - 9	Halfway through the defrost cycle, break apart minced beef, separate chops and remove meat that is defrosted.
Roast: Topside	8 - 10	
Beef Tenderloin	8 - 10	
Chuck or Rump	8 - 10	Turn meat over two to three times during defrosting.
Sirloin, rolled	8 - 10	
Steak	6 - 8	Shield edges and unevenly shaped ends of roasts halfway through the defrost cycle.
Miscellaneous	7 - 9	
Pork/Lamb		
Roast	8 - 10	Large roasts may still be icy in centre. Let stand.
Chops	6 - 8	
Ribs	6 - 8	
POULTRY		Turn poultry over two to four times during defrosting. Halfway through the defrost cycle, shield end of drumsticks, wings, breast bones and ends of poultry with foil.
Chicken		
whole	8 - 10	
pieces	7 - 9	Break apart chicken pieces and remove small pieces such as wings, which may be defrosted before larger pieces.
fillets	7 - 9	
Duck	7 - 9	
Turkey	8 - 10	Rinse poultry under cold water to remove ice crystals. Let stand 5 to 10 minutes, before cooking.
FISH & SHELLFISH		
Fish Fillets	8 - 10	Halfway through the defrost cycle, turn whole fish or blocks of fillets over. Also, break apart prawns or scallops. Remove any pieces that are defrosted.
Whole Fish	7 - 9	
Crabmeat	6 - 8	
Lobster Tails	6 - 8	
Sea Scallops	6 - 8	Let stand, 5 to 10 minutes, before cooking.
Green Prawns	6 - 8	

Using Auto Reheat Pad (NN-S553)

1 Press [Auto Reheat]

until the desired weight appears in the Display Window.

NO. OF TAPS	DISPLAY	RECOMMENDED FOOD WEIGHT
1	250 g	200 - 300 g
2	450 g	400 - 500 g
3	650 g	600 - 700 g
4	850 g	800 - 900 g

2 Press [Start]

Reheating time appears in the Display Window and begins to count down.

For best results on Auto Reheat, follow these recommendations:

1. All foods must be precooked. Suitable for casseroles, plated dinners, soups, stews, pasta dishes (except lasagne), canned foods.
2. Foods should be reheated from room temperature or refrigerator temperature. Do not reheat frozen foods on this setting.
3. Foods should be covered loosely but completely with plastic wrap or a casserole lid which does not snap seal.
4. Foods weighing less than 200 g and more than 900 g should be reheated by Micro Power and Time only.
5. All foods should have a covered stand time of 3 to 5 minutes at the end of reheating.
6. **Do not** reheat bread or pastry products; raw, uncooked or frozen foods; or beverages.

INGREDIENT CONVERSION CHART*			
¼ cup	60 ml	¼ teaspoon	1 ml
⅓ cup	85 ml	½ teaspoon	2 ml
½ cup	125 ml	1 teaspoon	5 ml
⅔ cup	165 ml	2 teaspoons	10 ml
¾ cup	190 ml	3 teaspoons	15 ml
1 cup	250 ml	1 tablespoon	15 ml
1¼ cups	310 ml	1½ tbs	22 ml
1½ cups	375 ml	2 tbs	30 ml
2 cups	500 ml	3 tbs	45 ml
3 cups	750 ml	4 tablespoons	60 ml
3½ cups	875 ml		
4 cups	1 litre		
6 cups	1.5 litre		
8 cups	2 litre		

*Applicable to New Zealand and South Africa only.

To Cook / Reheat Food Using **Auto Cook** (NN-S553)

1 Press Desired Food Category Pad

Press the desired Food Category Pad until the desired meal or number of Serving/Weight appears in the display window.

Pad	Food Category	Serving / Weight			
		1 tap	2 taps	3 taps	4 taps
Auto Cook	1. Frozen Reheat	250 g	450 g	650 g	850 g
	2. Dried Pasta	150 g	250 g	375 g	500 g
	3. Fresh Pasta	150 g	250 g	375 g	500 g
	4. Vegetables	120 g	180 g	250 g	370 g
	5. Frozen Vegetables	120 g	250 g	500 g	750 g
	6. Root Vegetables	250 g	370 g	500 g	900 g
	7. Legumes	1.0 cup	2.0 cup	3.0 cup	4.0 cup
	8. Rice	1.0 cup	1.5 cup	2.0 cup	2.5 cup
	9. Noodles	200 g	350 g	500 g	800 g
	10. Fish	120 g	250 g	370 g	500 g
	11. Curries	250 g	500 g	750 g	—
	12. Chicken Pieces	400 g	600 g	800 g	1000 g

2 Press *Start*

Cooking time appears in the Display Window and begins to count down.

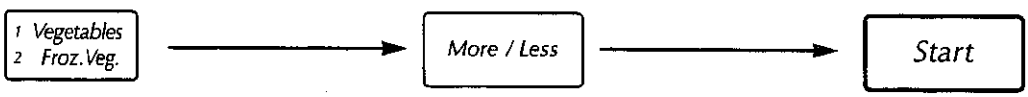
* See Individual recipe chapters for hints and food types suitable for each Auto Cook food category.

To Cook Using **Sensor Reheat/Cook** (NN-S573 / S563)

Sensor Cook allows you to cook foods without selecting times and power levels. The sensor detects the heat and humidity generated by the food and cooks your food automatically.

Place food into an appropriate sized dish for the volume of food you are cooking. Cover securely with plastic wrap or a securely fitting lid (do not use any snap closing lids). Plastic dishes are not suitable as a secure seal cannot be achieved and inaccurate cooking may result.

Food Category	Recommended Weight Range
Sensor Reheat	125 g - 1.0 kg
Frozen Reheat	125 g - 1.0 kg
Vegetables	125 g - 500 g
Froz.Veg.	125 g - 1.0 kg
Root Veg.	125 g - 1.0 kg
Legumes	1-4 cups
Fresh Pasta	125 g - 500 g
Dried Pasta	125 g - 500 g
Rice	1 cup - 2½ cups
Risotto	½ cup - 3 cups
Fish	125 g - 500 g
Noodles	150 g - 500 g
Chicken Pcs.	400 g - 1000 g
Whole Chicken	1.0 kg - 2.0 kg
Casseroles	500 g - 2.0 kg
Curries	250 g - 750 g
Fruit	150 g - 1500 g
Desserts	375 g - 1.5 kg

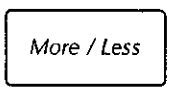


- Select and press the appropriate button for the food you are cooking. Category appears in the Display Window.
  eg. Press once for 1. Vegetable
  twice for 2. Froz. Veg.

If desired, press ***More / Less*** Pad.

- **Press**
  After the heat humidity is detected by the SENSOR, the remaining time appears in the Display Window and begins to count down.

- For information on individual categories refer to each chapter in the cookbook section.

More/Less Pad: 

Preferences for food doneness varies with each individual. After having used Sensor Cook a few times, you may decide you prefer your food cooked to a different doneness. By using the ***More/Less*** Pad, the Auto Sensor programmes can be adjusted to cook food for a longer or shorter time. Press ***More/Less*** Pad before pressing ***Start*** Pad.

1 tap : More cooking
2 taps: Less cooking
3 taps: Returns to average cooking result.

If you are satisfied with the result of the **SENSOR COOK** programme, you don't have to use this pad.

For best results, follow these recommendations:

1. The door should not be opened before the time appears in the Display Window.
2. Do not use plastic dishes as a secure seal cannot be achieved and inaccurate cooking may occur.

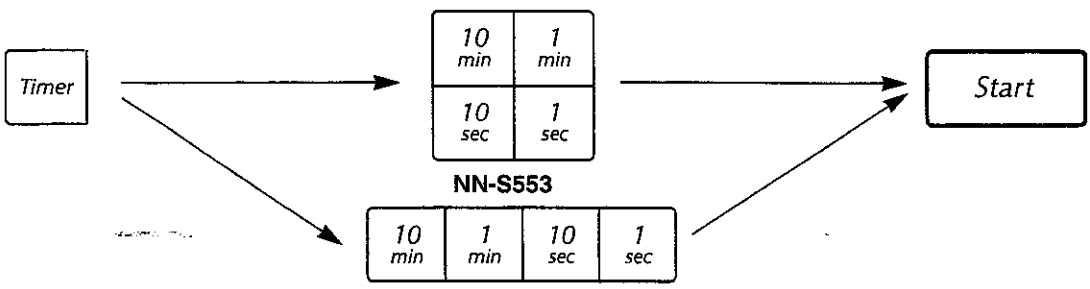
To Use Timer Pad

To Use as a Kitchen Timer

Press.

Set desired amount of time.
(up to 99 minutes and 99 seconds)

Press *Start*.
Time will count down without oven operating.

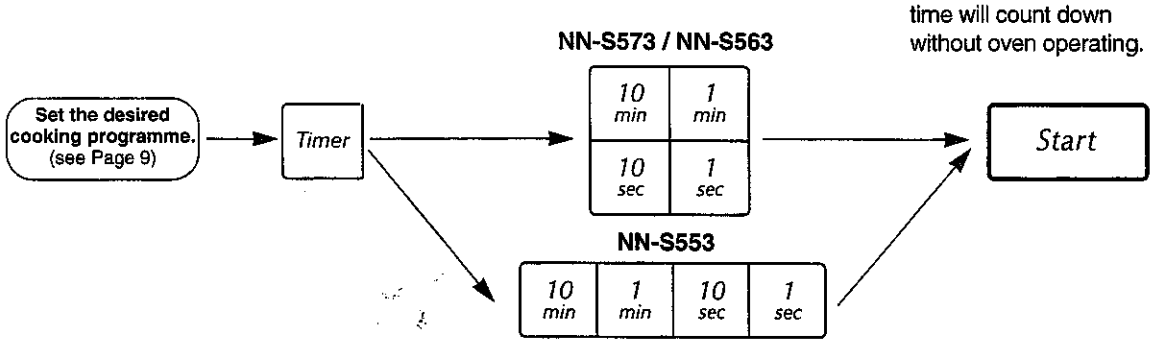


To Set Standing Time

Press.

Set desired amount of time.
(up to 99 minutes and 99 seconds)

Press *Start*.
Cooking will start.
After cooking, standing time will count down without oven operating.

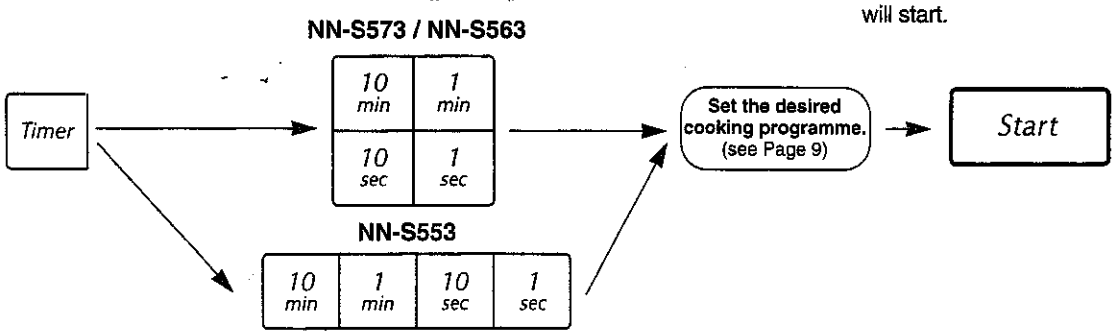


To Set Delay Start

Press.

Set desired amount of time.
(up to 99 minutes and 99 seconds)

Press *Start*.
Delayed time will count down. Then cooking will start.



NOTES:

1. If oven door is opened during the Standing Time or Kitchen Timer, the time in the Display Window will continue to count down.
2. Delay Start/Standing Time cannot be programmed before/after any Auto Control function.

Before Requesting Service

THESE THINGS ARE NORMAL

The oven causes interference with my TV.	Some radio and TV interference might occur when you cook with the microwave oven. This interference is similar to the interference caused by small appliances such as mixers, vacuums, hair dryers, etc. It does not indicate a problem with your oven.
Steam accumulates on the oven door and warm air comes from the oven vents.	During cooking, steam and warm air are given off from the food. Most of the steam and warm air are removed from the oven by the air which circulates in the oven cavity. However, some steam will condense on cooler surfaces such as the oven door. This is normal.
I accidentally ran my microwave oven without any food in it.	Running the oven empty for a short time will not damage the oven. However, we do not recommend this.

PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	REMEDY
Oven will not turn on.	The oven is not plugged in securely.	Remove plug from outlet, wait 10 seconds and re-insert.
	Circuit breaker or fuse is tripped or blown.	Reset external circuit breaker or replace external fuse.
	There is a problem with the outlet.	Plug another appliance into the outlet to check if the outlet is working.
Oven will not start cooking.	The door is not closed completely.	Close the oven door securely.
	Start was not pressed after programming.	Press ***Start*** Pad.
	Another programme has already been entered programmeto the oven.	Press ***Stop/Reset*** Pad to cancel the previous and programme again.
	The programme has not been entered correctly.	Programme again according to the Operating Instructions.
	Stop/Reset has been pressed accidentally.	Programme over again.
The words "DEMO MODE"* appear on the screen	***Clock*** Pad has been pressed three times.	Deactivate mode by pressing ***Clock*** Pad three times.
When the oven is turning on, there is noise coming from the Glass Tray.	The Roller Ring and oven bottom are dirty.	Clean these parts according to "Care of Your Microwave Oven" (see next page).

If it seems there is a problem with the oven, contact an authorised Service Centre.

Care of Your Oven

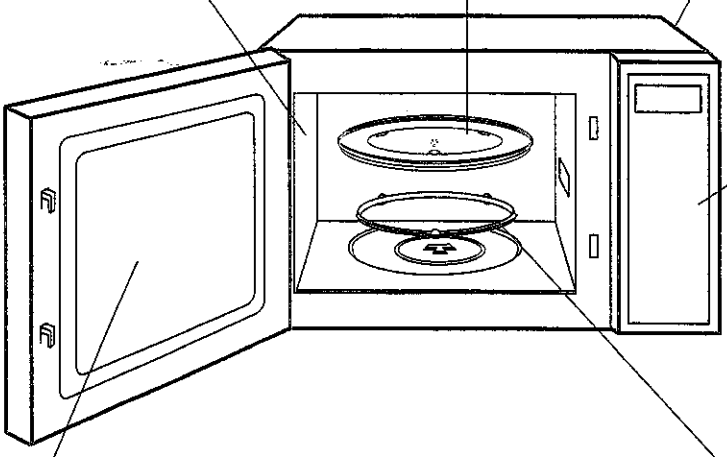
BEFORE CLEANING:
Remove plug from outlet. If impossible, leave oven door open to prevent oven from accidentally turning on.

AFTER CLEANING:
Be sure to replace the Roller Ring and Glass Tray in the proper position and press ***Stop/Reset*** Pad to clear the Display Window.

Inside of the oven:
Wipe with a damp cloth. Mild detergent may be used if the oven gets very dirty. The use of harsh detergent or abrasives is not recommended.

Glass Tray:
Remove and wash in warm soapy water or in a dishwasher. If grease accumulates, clean with a non-abrasive nylon mesh scouring pad and a non-abrasive cleanser.

Outside oven surfaces and back vents.
Clean with a damp cloth. To prevent damage to the operating parts inside the oven, water should not be allowed to seep into ventilation openings.



Control Panel:
•If it becomes wet, clean with a soft, dry cloth. Do not use harsh detergents or abrasives on the Control Panel.

Oven Door:
Wipe with a soft cloth when steam accumulates inside or around the outside of the oven door. This may occur when the microwave oven is operated under high humidity conditions and in no way indicates a malfunction of the unit or of microwave leakage.

Roller Ring and oven cavity floor:
Wipe the bottom surface of the oven with mild detergent water or window cleaner and dry. Roller Ring may be washed in mild soapy water or dishwasher. These areas should be kept clean to avoid excessive noise and scratching.

Technical Specifications

	NN-S573 / NN-S563/ NN-S553
Power Supply:	230 - 240 V 50 Hz
Power Consumption*:	1,120 W 4.9 A
Power Requirement (Maximum):	1,890 W 8.5 A
Output*:	1,200 W
Outside Dimensions (H x W x D):	301 x 518 x 404 mm
Oven Cavity Dimensions (H x W x D):	225 x 375 x 386 mm
Operating Frequency:	2,450 MHz
Uncrated Weight:	Approx. 12.0 kg

* IEC Test Procedure
Specifications subject to change without notice.

Panasonic Technics

WARRANTY

1. The product is warranted for 12 months from the date of purchase. Subject to the conditions of this warranty Panasonic or it's Authorised Service Centre will perform necessary service on the product without charge for parts or labour if, in the opinion of Panasonic, the product is found to be faulty within the warranty period.
2. This warranty only applies to products sold by Panasonic Australia or its Authorised Distributors or Dealers and only where the products are used and serviced within Australia or it's territories. Warranty cover only applies to service carried out by a Panasonic Authorised Service Centre and only if valid proof of purchase is presented when warranty service is requested.
3. This warranty only applies if the product has been installed and used in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations (as noted in the operating instructions) under normal use and reasonable care (in the opinion of Panasonic). The warranty covers normal domestic use only and does not cover damage, malfunction or failure resulting from use of incorrect voltages, incorrect installation, accident, misuse, neglect, build-up of dirt or dust, abuse, misadjustment of customer controls, mains supply problems, thunderstorm activity, infestation by insects or vermin, tampering or repair by unauthorised persons (including unauthorised alterations), exposure to abnormally corrosive conditions or any foreign object or matter having entered the product.
4. This warranty does not cover the following items unless the fault or defect being complained of existed at the time of purchase.
   (a) Video or AudioTapes.
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   (c) Shaver Heads or Cutters.
   (d) Cabinet parts.
   (e) User replaceable Batteries.
   (f) Thermal Paper, Toner/Ink Cartridges, Drums, Developer, Film (Ink/Ribbon), Film Cartridge, Printer Heads
   (g) Microwave Oven cook plates.
5. If warranty service is required you should:
   - Telephone Panasonic's Customer Care Centre on 132600 for the name/address of the nearest Authorised Service Centre.
   - Provide a copy of your purchase receipt as proof of date of purchase.
   - Send or bring the product to a Panasonic Authorised Service Centre. Please note that freight to and / or from your nearest Authorised Service Centre must be arranged by you.
   - Note that home service is available for the following products in the major metropolitan areas of Australia or the normal operating areas of the nearest Authorised Service Centres:

   Television Receivers (screen size greater than 39 cm) — Microwave Ovens
   Electronic Organs or Pianos — Whiteboard (except portable type)
6. The warranties hereby conferred do not extend to any costs associated with the delivery, handling, freighting or transportation of the product or any part thereof or replacement of and do not extend to any damage or loss occurring during, or associated with, transit.

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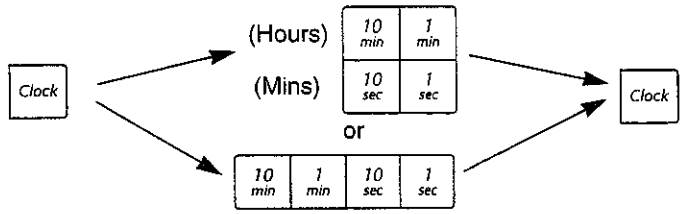
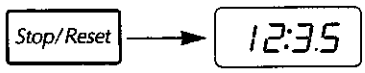
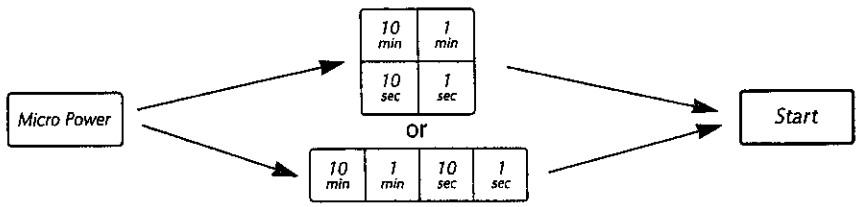
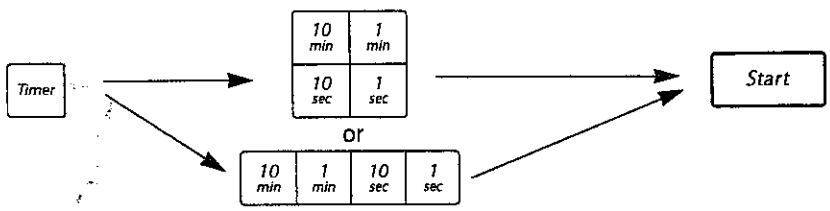
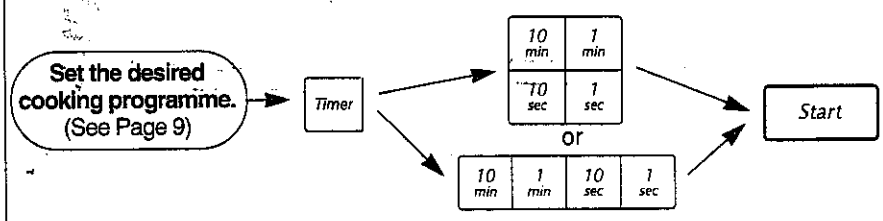
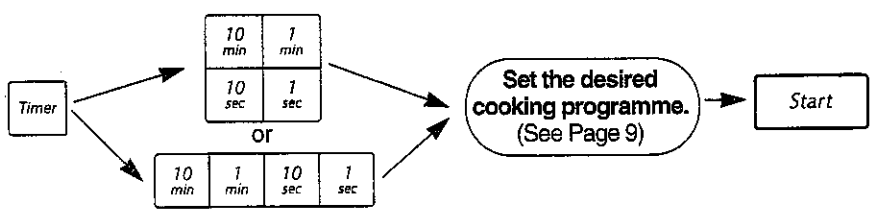
To Set Clock (☞ page 8)	 Set time of day. (Max 12:59)
To Set / Cancel Child Safety Lock (☞ page 8)	**To Set:** Display 3 times **To Cancel:** Display  3 times
To Cook / Reheat / Defrost by Micro Power and Time Setting (☞ page 9)	 Select power. Set the cooking time.
To Use as a Kitchen Timer (☞ page 15)	
To Set Standing Time (☞ page 15)	
To Set Delay Start (☞ page 15)	

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To use Turbo Defrost Pad (☞ page 10)	**NN-S553** Turbo Defrost 1.0kg | 0.1kg → Start **NN-S573 / NN-S563** Turbo Defrost 1.0kg | 0.1kg → Start Set weight.

Only for Models NN-S573, NN-S563

To Cook using "Sensor Cook" Pads (S) (☞ page 14)	Press until desired food category pad appears. e.g. (1 Vegetables 2 Froz.Veg.) → (More / Less) optional → Start
To Reheat using "Sensor Reheat" Pad (☞ page 14)	Sensor Reheat Frozen Reheat → (More / Less) optional → Start Press for desired category

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To Cook using "Auto Cook" Pads (☞ page 13)	Press until desired weight appears category. eg. Reheat frozen foods 450g. 1 Frozen Reheat → Start Press twice 450g displayed.
To Reheat using "Auto Reheat" Pad (☞ page 12)	Press to select the desired weight. Auto Reheat → Start

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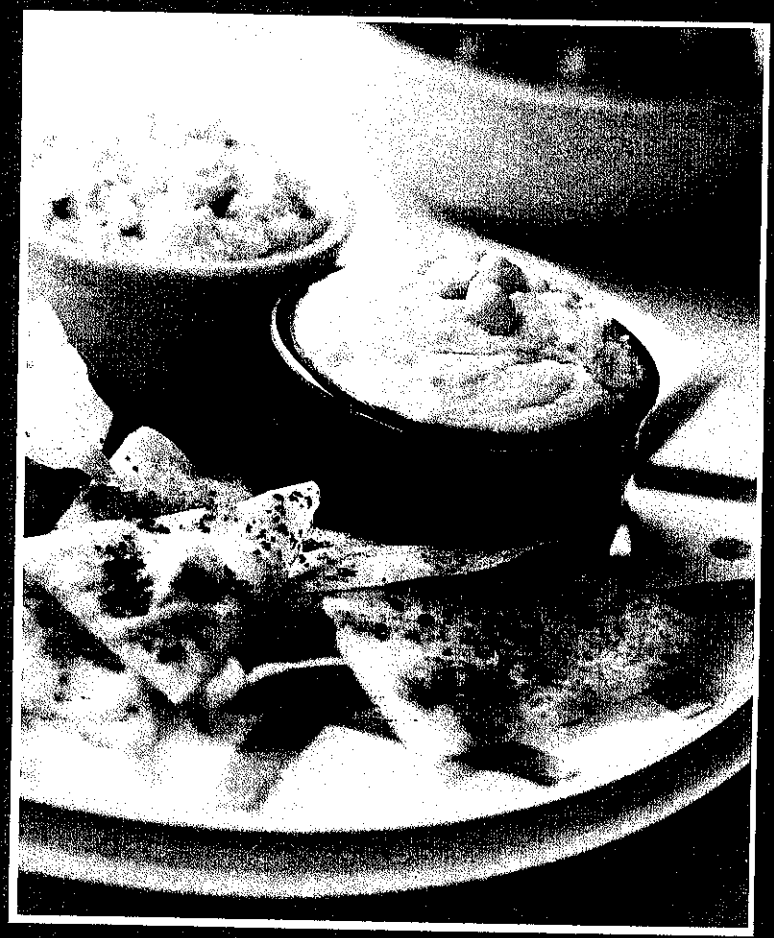

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Turn over for Operation Guide

Microwaves penetrate the surface of the food to a depth of about two to three centimetres and then the heat is gradually conducted in a random pattern. Some parts of food matter cook faster than others. Special microwave techniques are used to promote fast and even cooking. Some of these techniques are similar to those used in conventional cooking, but because microwaves produce heat very quickly they are extremely important. It's a must for you to be familiar with the following tips.

Food Characteristics

Size and Quantity
Small portions cook faster than large portions. As you increase the quantity of food you put into the microwave oven, you must also increase your cooking time. The microwave oven has the same power regardless of quantity; thus the power is divided between more items and so it takes longer to cook.
As a general guide, if you double the quantity of food suggested in the recipe, add half the time suggested again.

Liquid Content
Low moisture foods take a shorter time to cook than foods with a lot of moisture.

Shape
Uniform sizes cook more evenly. To compensate for irregular shapes, place thin pieces towards the centre of the dish and thicker pieces towards the outer edge of the dish.

Bone and Fat
Bones conduct heat and cause the meat next to them to be heated more quickly. Large amounts of fat absorb microwave energy and the meat next to these areas may overcook.

Starting Temperature
Food which has been sitting at room temperature takes less time to cook than refrigerated or frozen food.

Density and Composition
Porous, airy foods (cakes and breads) take less time to cook than heavy compacted foods (meat and vegetables). Recipes high in fat and sugar content cook more quickly.

Key to Symbols Used In Recipes

Recipes displaying these symbols may be cooked using these features.

(S) Sensor Cook / **NN-S573, NN-S563**

[A] Auto cook / **NN-S553**

Techniques for Preparation

Timing
A range of cooking times is given in each recipe for two reasons. First, to allow for the uncontrollable differences in food shapes, starting temperatures and personal preferences. Secondly, these allow for the differences in electrical voltage input which changes during peak load periods. Always remember that it is easier to add time to undercooked food. Once the food is overcooked, nothing can be done. For each recipe, an approximate cooking time is given.

Stirring
Stirring is often necessary during microwave cooking. We have noted when stirring is helpful in the recipes. Always bring the outside edges towards the centre and the centre portions to the outside.

Rearranging or Turning
Some foods should be turned in the container during cooking. For example, because of the different thicknesses in the breast and back sections of poultry, it is a good idea to turn poultry over once to ensure more even cooking.
Rearranging or turning over uneven shaped food in the dish should be done as suggested to ensure a satisfactory result. Rearrange small items such as chicken pieces, prawns, hamburger patties, nuts or potatoes. Rearrange pieces from the centre to the edge of the dish.

Cooking in Layers
This microwave oven is not designed to cook more than 1 layer of food. Cooking in 2 layers may not always be successful, it takes longer and may be uneven. You can successfully reheat two dinner plates of food at one time but remember to increase the reheating time and use a microwave warming rack.

Piercing of Foods
Pierce the skin or membrane of foods such as eggs, tomatoes and jacket potatoes when cooked whole in the microwave oven. This allows steam to escape. If the skin has not been pierced, food may burst.

Cured Meats
Cured meats may overcook in some areas due to the high concentration of salts used in the curing process. So take care when cooking different brands of bacon as cooking times may vary slightly.

Covering
Covering food minimizes the microwave cooking time.
Because microwave cooking is done with time and not direct heat, the rate of evaporation cannot be easily controlled. However, this can be corrected by using different materials to cover dishes. Plastic wrap is the best substitute for a lid as it creates a tighter seal and so it retains more heat and steam. Wax paper and paper towels hold the heat in but not the steam. These materials also prevent splattering. Use a paper towel, wax paper or no cover when steam is not needed for tenderizing.

Browning
Meats and poultry, when cooked longer than 10 to 15 minutes, will brown from their own fat. Foods cooked for shorter periods of time can be aided with the help of a browning sauce, worcestershire sauce or soy sauce. Simply brush one of these sauces over meat or poultry before cooking. Baked goods do not need long cooking times and therefore, do not brown. When cakes or cupcakes are iced, no one will notice the visual difference. For cakes or cupcakes, brown sugar can be used in the recipe in place of caster sugar or the surface can be sprinkled with dark spices before baking.

Standing Time
The moisture molecules continue to vibrate in the food when the microwave oven has turned itself off. After all, the molecules were vibrating at 2,450,000,000 times per second during cooking. So cooking continues even after the food is no longer being exposed to the microwaves whether in or outside your microwave oven.
Standing time refers to the time it takes (after the microwave time is completed) to allow the interior of the food to finish cooking.
The amount of standing time varies with the size and density of the food. In meat cookery, the internal temperature will rise between 5°C and 10°C if allowed to stand covered for ten to fifteen minutes. Casseroles and vegetables need shorter standing time, but this time is necessary to allow foods to complete cooking in the centre without overcooking on the edges.
The power level used in microwave cooking also determines the standing time. For example, when using a lower power level the standing time is shorter because of a lower concentration of heat in the food. Foods should always be kept covered while standing in order to retain the heat. If a longer standing time is required (while you cook another food to serve with the first, for instance), cover with aluminum foil.

Converting Your Favourite Conventional Recipes for Microwave Cooking

When adapting conventional recipes for microwave cooking, reduce the conventional cooking time by one quarter to one third.
e.g. A chicken which takes 1 hour to cook in a moderate oven will take 15 to 20 minutes on P7 Power in your microwave oven.

Use similar microwave recipes to help you adapt conventional recipes. Remember, it is always best to undercook a recipe and then add an extra minute or two to finish it off.

Here are some other tips that may help:
- Reduce liquids in a conventional recipe by one half to two thirds, e.g. 1cup (250 ml) should be reduced to ½ cup (125 ml).
- Add more thickening such as flour or cornflour to sauces and gravies if you do not reduce the liquid.
- Reduce seasonings slightly in a recipe where ingredients do not have time to simmer by microwave.
- Do not salt meats, poultry or vegetables before cooking; otherwise, they will toughen and dry out.
- If one ingredient takes longer to cook than the others, pre-cook it in the microwave oven first. Onion, celery and potato are examples.
- If meat or vegetables are not being browned before cooking, omit any oil or fat that would have been used for browning.
- Reduce leavening agents for cakes by one quarter and increase liquids by one quarter.
- Biscuits require a stiff dough. Increase flour by about 20 percent. Substitute brown sugar for white sugar and use biscuit recipes that have dark spices or require icing. Because of the short cooking time, biscuits don't have time to brown. Chill dough for half an hour before baking. This produces a crisper biscuit. Bake biscuits on a glass tray lined with greaseproof paper.
- Since microwaves penetrate foods about two centimetres from the top, bottom and sides, mixtures in round shapes and rings cook more evenly. Corners receive more energy and may overcook.
- Items with a lot of water, such as rice and pasta, cook in about the same time as they would on a conventional stove. (Refer to **Rice** and **Pasta** chapter.)

Select recipes that convert easily to microwave cooking such as casseroles, stews, baked chicken, fish and vegetable dishes. The results from foods such as grilled meats, cooked souffles or two-crust pies could be less than satisfactory. Never attempt to deep fry in your microwave oven.

Menu Planning for Microwave Cooking

How to Keep Everything Hot at The Same Time
Plan your meals so that the food will not all need last minute cooking or attention at the same time. The special features of microwave cookery make it easy to serve meals with everything piping hot. Cooking of some foods may be interrupted while you start others, without harming the nutritional value or flavour of either.
A recipe which requires standing time can be microwaved first and another food cooked while it stands. Dishes prepared in advance can be reheated briefly before serving.
It does take some experience and time to cook with confidence. Microwaves are fast so you will have to do some experimenting. You might find you will use your conventional range in conjunction with your microwave oven. For example, while cooking the roast in the microwave oven, you can be cooking the vegetables and gravy on the range top. This can also be done the other way around. Prepare your meals as follows.

1. Firstly, cook the most dense item (roast or casserole). Drain and retain meat juice from joints then cover with foil.
2. Cook the potatoes, rice or pasta.
3. Cover with foil for standing.
4. Cook greens and other vegetables.
5. Cover with foil for standing.
6. Cook the gravy with the retained meat juices, stock and thickening.
7. Carve the roast and serve the vegetables and gravy.

While you are learning to plan meals, you may get a bit behind time. Don't worry. Dinner servings may be reheated on P7, at 2 minutes per serving.
If you prefer not to use foil, cover food with saucepan lids. A metal lid will retain the heat for at least 15 minutes.
Meanwhile, how can you cook all the vegetables at the same time? Simply place potatoes and pumpkin in one dish and less dense vegetables such as broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, beans and peas in another. Sprinkle greens with water. Cover with a lid or plastic wrap. Cook on P10 for cooking times refer to vegetable cooking chart on page 21. Fresh and frozen vegetables can be mixed on a vegetable platter, but remember frozen vegetables are not as dense as fresh vegetables, as they have been blanched before freezing.
If vegetables are cut to a similar size, they can be cooked in separate ramekins or small dishes at the same time.

Increasing & Decreasing Recipes

Increasing

- To increase a recipe from 4 to 6 servings, increase each ingredient listed by half.
- To increase a recipe from 4 to 8 servings, double each ingredient listed.
- For larger quantities of a recipe, a large dish should be used. Make sure that the dish is deep enough to prevent the recipe from boiling over during cooking.
- Make sure to cover, stir or rearrange food as directed in the recipe and always check the food during cooking.
- Increase standing times by 5 minutes per 500g.
- Use the same Power Level recommended in the original recipe.
- Increase the cooking times by: ⅓ of original cooking time for 6 servings; and an extra ½ of original cooking time for 8 servings.

Decreasing

- To decrease a recipe from 4 to 2 servings, decrease each ingredient listed by half.
- For small quantities, a small dish should be used. Make sure that the dish is large enough to prevent the recipe from boiling over during cooking.
- Use the same Power Level recommended in the original recipe.
- Decrease the cooking times by ½ to ⅔ of the original cooking time.

Cooking for One

- To decrease a recipe from 4 to 1 serving, quarter each ingredient listed.
- A smaller dish should be used, making sure that the dish is still large enough to prevent the recipe from boiling over.
- Use the same Power Level recommended in the original recipe.
- Quarter the original cooking times, then add extra time, if needed.
- Make sure to cover, stir or rearrange food as directed in original recipe and always check the food during cooking.

Converting Recipes from Other Sources

When the recipe is written with a wattage different than your oven, adjust the cooking time by approximately 10% per 100 watts, e.g. 6 minutes would be adjusted by 36 seconds. Alternately, adjust the power level by one level. If your wattage is higher than the recipe: (1) Adjust time downward or (2) Adjust power level downward. If your wattage is lower than the recipe: (1) adjust time upward or (2) adjust power level upward (when possible).

Cookware and Utensil Guide *(continued)*

Plastics

Plastic dishes, cups and some freezer containers should be used with care in a microwave oven. Choose plastic containers carefully, as some plastic containers may become soft, melt and may scorch. The majority of plastic dishes, even those designed for use in the microwave oven, are not suitable for cooking foods with high fat or sugar content, or for lengthy cooking times. Most microwave plastic dishes should not be used for longer than 3 to 5 minutes on **P10** power. These dishes, although not suitable for extended cooking, may be used successfully for defrosting or for use on lower power levels.

Cooking Bags designed to withstand boiling, freezing, or conventional heating are microwave safe. Prepare bags according to manufacturer's directions. When cooking by microwave, DO NOT use wire twist-ties to close bag. They can act as an antenna and cause arcing (sparks).

DO NOT COOK IN PLASTIC FOOD STORAGE BAGS.

Plastic Wrap such as GLAD WRAP® can be used to cover dishes in most recipes. Over an extended heating time, some disfiguration of the wrap may occur. When removing plastic wrap "covers", as well as any glass lid, be careful to remove it away from you to avoid steam burns.

Loosen plastic but let dish stand, covered.

Metal

Metal cookware or utensils, or those with metallic trim, should NOT be used in the microwave. Since microwave energy is reflected by metal, foods in metal containers will not cook evenly. There is also a possibility of "arcing."

Although metal utensils should be avoided in microwave cooking, some metal can be helpful when used correctly.

Aluminum foil can be used safely, if certain guidelines are followed, to prevent overcooking. Small pieces of foil are used to shield areas such as chicken wings, tips of roasts, or other thin parts that cook before the rest of the recipe is finished. Make sure foil is attached securely and doesn't touch sides of oven, otherwise arcing may occur. Foil lined containers, either cardboard or plastic, should NOT be used in the microwave oven as arcing could occur.

Metal twist-ties, either paper or plastic coated, should NOT be used in the microwave oven. Frozen dinner trays can be used in the microwave, if the container is no deeper than 2 cm and is filled with food. Metal skewers can not be used in microwave ovens as arcing may occur. Wooden skewers are readily available and give the same result.

Shells: Scalloped baking shells are best used during reheating and for short periods of cooking time only.

Thermometers are available for use in microwave ovens. DO NOT USE CONVENTIONAL MERCURY TYPE CANDY OR MEAT THERMOMETERS in food while cooking in the microwave oven.

Jars and Bottles

Jars and bottles can be used to warm food to serving temperature, if the lid is removed first. Cooking should not be done in these containers since most are not heat resistant and during extended heating times, heat from food would cause cracking or breaking.

Straw, Wicker and Wood

Straw and wicker baskets may be used in the microwave oven for short periods of time to warm rolls or bread. Large wooden utensils, such as bowls or cutting boards should NOT be used for prolonged heating as the microwave energy may cause the wood to become dry and brittle.

Reheat by Setting Power and Time - Frozen Convenience Foods

FROZEN ITEM (Pre-cooked)	POWER	TIME (in minutes)	SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS
BREAD & BAKED PRODUCT			
Bread 1 slice	P7	10 - 15 sec	Do not let bread get hot, or it will become rubbery and dry out. Remove whole loaf from original wrapper.
1 loaf	P7	1 - 3	
6 rolls	P6	1 - 2	Place on paper towel to absorb moisture.
Cheesecake (450g)	P3	2 - 3	Remove from container. Defrost on plate.
Muffins - 4 (350 g)	P7	2 - 3	Place onto paper towel lined plate.
Scones - 6 (400 g)	P6	2 - 3	Defrost on paper lined plate. Stand 2 minutes.
PIES			
Fruit Pie (600 g)	P3 then P7	5 - 7 5 - 7	Remove from foil container and place uncovered into a pie dish.
Meat Pie (175g)	P7	3 - 4	Place onto paper towel lined plate.
Pizza (350 g)	P10	5 - 7	Remove from package and place onto paper towel or follow manufacturer's instructions.
FROZEN MEAL			
Fish in Sauce (200 g)	P5	6 - 8	Pierce corner of bag. Heat on a plate.
Instant Casserole in Pouch (500g)	P7	6 - 8	Pierce pouch. Heat on a plate or bowl.
Lasagne (500 g)	P9	11 - 13	Remove from foil container, place into serving dish.
Plated style dinner (320 g)	P5	8 - 10	Remove foil cover and replace with plastic wrap.
Vegetables & Sauce (in the bag) (500 g)	P7	8 - 10	Pierce corner of bag. Heat on a plate.
MISCELLANEOUS			
Chicken Pieces (500 g)	P7 then P6	5 - 7 2 - 4	Place onto paper towel lined plate.
Croissants - 4 (200 g)	P3	1 - 1½	Place onto paper towel lined plate.
Fish Fingers - 8 (200 g)	P3 then P10	2 - 4 2 - 3	Place onto paper towel lined plate.
Sausage Rolls (225 g)	P5	2 - 3	Place onto paper towel lined plate.
Frankfurts (10 Large)	P10	3 - 4	Place into dish with 1/4 cup water and cover.

IMPORTANT POINTS TO CONSIDER WHEN REHEATING COLD FOODS

STARTING TEMPERATURE —
Foods taken from the refrigerator will take longer to reheat than foods from room temperature.

Quantity —
One serving heats faster than several servings. When heating large quantities, stir food to ensure even heating. It is quicker to heat individual plates of food than large quantities in a casserole dish.

Plated Dinners —
Arrange foods with the most dense items towards the outside of the plate. Cover meats with sauces/gravies if desired, spread out mashed potatoes or rice so it heats more evenly. When assembling plates of leftover foods, use foods which have a similar starting temperature.

Covering Foods —
Most foods need to be covered with one sheet of absorbent paper towel to hold in the heat and prevent splattering without steaming. When more moisture is desired, cover with plastic wrap.

Heating —
Reheating is usually done on P10, however, if food has a more delicate texture, like a baked custard, a lower power setting should be used. P7 for a little longer will be gentler on the food. An average plate of food would generally take 1 to 3 minutes to heat depending on the density of the food. Place it in for the minimum time and add extra heating time if required.
Ensure food is hot by feeling the bottom of the plate in the centre.If the plate is cool, food may be warm but will lose heat quickly as the plate will absorb the heat and taste cold when served.
If food is not heated enough, consumption may cause illness.

Elevation —
Elevate pastries and breads on a small plastic rack with paper towel under the food to prevent it from becoming soggy.

Caution:

Pastry items which have a filling that is high in fat., sugar or moisture will become hotter in the centre and the pastry may only feel warm. Ensure you allow it to stand for several minutes before eating.

IMPORTANT POINTS TO CONSIDER WHEN REHEATING FOODS FROM THE FREEZER

VOLUME —
The greater the volume and the more dense the item, the longer it takes to reheat. E.g. frozen cake will take less time than frozen casserole.

LARGE VOLUME —
Large , dense, frozen precooked foods are best thawed on defrost until icy in the centre then heated on P7. This prevents overcooking of the edges. Stirring is often needed to distribute heat evenly.

Commercial frozen foods —
These foods should be removed from their foil containers if possible and placed into suitable microwave safe containers. If a foil container is used in the microwave oven it shouldn't be more than 4 cm high and must not touch the interior of the microwave oven. Remove the cover from the tray and replace with paper towel or plastic wrap to prevent splattering.

Foods to be served at room temperature —
For best results, defrost for a short time and allow to stand to complete thawing, e.g. frozen cake.

Vacuum sealed pouches —
Pierce pouches, bags before heating to allow steam to escape. this prevents bursting.

Containers —
Use dishes about the same volume of the food or slightly larger to allow for stirring. Remove or release snap seal lids other wise they will pop during heating and may disfigure.

Pies and pastries —
Pies and pastries that contain raw pastry and filling cannot be cooked in the microwave oven. Pre-cooked products can be thawed and heated. Place them on a sheet of paper towel and elevate on plastic rack for best results. For added crispness place under the grill or in a hot oven for few minutes. Pastry items can become tough and rubbery if overheated, remember to allow 5 minutes standing then test before adding extra heating time.

Pumpkin Soup (S) A

Serves: 4

Ingredients:

1 kg	pumpkin, chopped and peeled
1	onion, diced
2 cups	chicken stock
1 teaspoon	curry powder
	pepper

Method:

Place pumpkin and onion in 2-litre casserole dish. Cover and cook on P10 for 12 minutes. Add chicken stock, curry powder and pepper. Cook on P10 for 10 minutes. Cool slightly. Purée pumpkin and liquid in blender or food processor. Pour into individual serving dishes and garnish with chives.

To cook by Sensor Cook:

Prepare pumpkin as above cover with plastic wrap. Press **Root Veg.**, then ***Start***.

To cook by Auto Cook:

Prepare pumpkin as above cover with plastic wrap. Press **Auto Cook Root Veg.**, select 900 g weight, then ***Start***.

Short and Long Soup

Serves: 4

Ingredients:

200 g	fresh singapore noodles
12	dim sims, frozen
4	shallots, sliced
1 litre	chicken stock
1 teaspoon	crushed garlic
½ teaspoon	chopped ginger
2 tablespoons	soy sauce
1	chicken breast, cooked and sliced
4	baby bok choy, quartered
1 cup	bean sprouts
2 tablespoons	dried onion

Method:

Place all ingredients except bok choy and bean sprouts in a 4 litre casserole dish and cook on P10 for 10 minutes. Add bok choy and cook on P10 for 2 minutes. Serve in individual bowls topped with bean sprouts and onion.

Hints:

To cook 1 double chicken breast. Place onto dinner plate. Cover and cook on P7 for 8 to 10 minutes.

Pea and Ham Soup (S)

Serves: 6 to 8

Ingredients:

500 g	split peas
500 g	ham or bacon bones
1	bay leaf
2	rashers bacon, chopped
1	carrot, peeled and diced
1	onion, peeled and diced
½ teaspoon	thyme
6 cups	chicken or bacon stock

Method:

Cover peas with water and soak over night. Drain. Place peas with 3 cups of water in a 4 litre casserole dish. Add bones and bay leaf. Cover with plastic wrap. Cook on P10 for 10 minutes. Reduce power to P6 cook for 15 minutes. Drain. Remove meat from bones and discard bay leaf. Return to casserole dish with remaining ingredients. Continue to cook on P6 for 35 to 40 minutes. Stirring twice during cooking. Allow to cool slightly. Puree.

To cook by Sensor Cook:

Place peas, 3 cups of water, bones and bay leaf in a 4-litre casserole dish. Cover with plastic wrap. Press sensor **Legumes**, then ***Start***. When oven beeps, drain. Remove meat from bones and discard bay leaf. Return to casserole dish with remaining ingredients. Continue to cook and stir twice during remaining cooking time. Allow to cool slightly. Puree.

Potato and Leek Soup (S)

Serves: 4 to 6

Ingredients:

800 g	potatoes, peeled and diced
1½ cups	thinly sliced leeks
2 teaspoons	thyme
	pepper
2 cups	chicken stock
150 ml	cream (optional)

Method:

Place potatoes, leeks, thyme and pepper in 4-litre casserole dish. Cover and cook on P10 for 8 minutes. Stir in 2 cups of chicken stock. Cover and cook on P10 for 14 to 16 minutes. Purée soup mixture. Add cream, stir and serve hot or cold in individual bowls.

To cook by Sensor Cook:

Place potatoes, leeks, thyme and pepper in a 4-litre dish. Cover with plastic wrap. Press **Root Veg.**, then ***Start***. Finish recipe as above.

Chicken and Prawn Laksa

Serves: 4

Ingredients:

Laksa:

250 g	rice noodles
8 cups	boiling water
	leaves from 1 bunch of coriander
4	small red chillies, seeds removed and finely chopped
½ cup	bean sprouts
4	thin slices lime
1 tablespoon	peanut oil
400 g	cooked chicken tenderloins, sliced
12	green king prawns, peeled

Soup:

2 tablespoons	laksa paste
400 ml	coconut milk
1 litre	chicken stock
1 tablespoon	soy sauce
	fresh ground black pepper

Method:

Laksa:

Place the noodles and water in a 4 litre dish. Cover and cook on P10 for 2 to 3 minutes, stirring halfway through. Drain well and divide between 4 deep bowls. Place the coriander, chillies, bean sprouts and lime on top. Place the peanut oil and prawns in a 1-litre dish and cook on P7 for 3 to 5 minutes, stirring halfway through. Add the chicken and prawns to each individual dish and set aside.

Soup:

Place the laska paste, coconut milk, stock, soy sauce and pepper and cook covered on P10 for 8 to 10 minutes.

To serve:

Pour the hot soup into the 4 bowls and serve.

Egg and Bacon Slice

Serves: 4 to 6

Ingredients:

4 rashers	bacon, diced
1	onion, diced
2 cups	grated zucchini
2 cups	grated carrot
100 g	grated tasty cheese
1 cup	self raising flour
5	eggs, lightly beaten
125 ml	vegetable oil
1 tablespoon	fresh chopped parsley
salt and pepper	

Method:

Lightly grease a 25 cm round microwave safe dish. Place bacon and onion in a 2-litre casserole dish and cook on P10 for 2 to 3 minutes. Allow to cool slightly. Stir in zucchini, carrot and cheese and flour. In a 1-litre bowl whisk together eggs, oil and parsley. Add to bacon mixture season with salt and pepper and stir until combined. Pour into prepared dish. Cook on P6 for 13 to 15 minutes.

Nachos Supreme

Serves: 4 to 6

Ingredients:

500 g	topside mince
35 g	packet Taco seasoning mix
⅓ cup	tomato paste
1 teaspoon	Mexican chilli powder
1 can (310 g)	red kidney beans, mashed in liquid
180 g	packet corn chips
1	avocado
½ cup	sour cream
½ cup	grated cheese
	paprika

Method:

Place meat in 2-litre dish. Cover and cook on P7 for 6 minutes, stirring halfway through. Mix with fork, breaking up any large pieces of meat. Add taco mix, tomato paste, chilli powder and kidney beans. Cook on P7 for further 10 minutes, stirring halfway through cooking. Place corn chips in a 3-litre microwave suitable serving dish. Pile meat sauce in the centre. In a small bowl, mash avocado and mix in sour cream. Spoon this mixture over meat sauce and top with grated cheese. Sprinkle with paprika. Heat on P7 for 3 to 4 minutes.

Nuts and Bolts

Serves: 6 to 8

Ingredients:

80 g	butter
2 teaspoons	curry powder
2 tablespoons	worcestershire sauce
½ teaspoon	salt
¼ teaspoon	garlic powder
52 g	packet mixed rice crackers
100 g	fried noodles
200 g	salted peanuts
125 g	packet pretzel sticks
½ cup	Nutri-Grain

Method:

Place butter, curry, worcestershire sauce, salt and garlic powder in 3-litre casserole dish. Cook on P10 for 1 to 2 minutes. Add remaining ingredients, mix well and cook on P10 for 4 to 5 minutes. Stir twice through cooking. Allow to cool. Place in a bowl and serve with drinks. Store in an airtight container once cool.

Directions for Cooking Fish and Shellfish by Microwave

Clean fish before starting the recipe. Arrange fish in a single layer, overlap thin fillet ends to prevent overcooking. Prawns and scallops should be placed in a single layer.

Cover dish with plastic wrap. Cook on the power level and the minimum time recommended in the chart below. Halfway through cooking rearrange or stir prawns, fish fillets or scallops.

Fish and Shellfish Chart for Microwave Cooking by Time

FISH OR SHELLFISH	AMOUNT	POWER	APPROX. COOKING TIME (in minutes)
Fish Fillets	500 g	P4	8 to 10
Scallops (sea)	500 g	P4	6 to 8
Green Prawns medium size (shelled and cleaned)	500 g	P4	7 to 9
Whole Fish (stuffed or unstuffed)	500 g to 600 g	P4	7 to 10

Directions for cooking fish by Sensor/Auto Cook (S) [A]

Fish (125 g - 500 g)

- Suitable for cooking whole fish and fish fillets.
- Select fish suitable for microwave cooking and place in a single layer in a shallow dish, with skin-side down.
- Add butter, spices, herbs, or lemon juice to flavour.
- Overlap thin edges of fillets to prevent overcooking.
- If stuffing whole fish with seasoning, cooking time may need to be extended.
- Shield the eye and tail area of whole fish with small amounts of aluminum foil to prevent overcooking.
- Cover dish securely with plastic wrap or fitted lid.
- Anytime during the cooking time, the oven will 'beep' and prompt you to turn over.
- Allow large amounts of fish to stand for 3 to 5 minutes after cooking before serving.

To Operate for Sensor Cook:
Press **Fish**, then Start.
To Operate for Auto Cook:
Press **Fish.**
Press **Fish** in succession and weight is chosen.

Lemon Pepper Fish (S) [A]

Serves: 2

Ingredients:

300 g	fish fillets
¼ cup	lemon juice
1 teaspoon	cracked black (ground) pepper

Method:
Place fish, lemon juice and cracked black pepper in 1-litre casserole dish. Cook on P4 for 4 to 6 minutes. Let stand for 3 minutes before serving.
To cook by Sensor Cook:
Prepare as above. Cover with plastic wrap.
Press **Fish**, then ***Start.***
To cook by Auto Cook:
Prepare as above. Cover with plastic wrap. Press **Fish** then select 370 g weight, then ***Start.***

HINT:
For fish with a strong odour, eliminate the smell after cooking by placing 600 ml of boiling water and 1 slice lemon in a large bowl, cook on P10 for 20 mins. Wipe out oven with a dry cloth.

Smoked Red Cod (S) [A]

Serves: 2 to 4

Ingredients:

2 (approx. 500 g)	medium sized smoked red cod fillets
1 tablespoon	butter, melted
3 teaspoons	water
	freshly ground black pepper

Method:
Place all ingredients in large casserole dish. Cover and cook on P4 for 5 to 7 minutes or until cooked and fish flakes when tested with a fork. Season to taste.
To cook by Sensor Cook:
Prepare as above. Cover with plastic wrap.
Press **Fish**, then ***Start.***
To cook by Auto Cook:
Prepare as above. Press **Fish** then select 500 g weight, then ***Start.***

Salmon Steaks with Lime Butter (S) [A]

Serves: 4

Ingredients:

60 g	butter
1	clove garlic, crushed
1 teaspoon	grated fresh ginger
1 teaspoon	grated lime rind
2 tablespoons	lime juice
½ teaspoon	sugar
500 g	salmon, steaks
1 tablespoon	chopped fresh parsley

Method:
Place butter, garlic, ginger, lime rind, juice and sugar in a shallow dish. Cook on P7 for 1 to 2 minutes. Stir halfway through cooking. Add salmon steaks and coat with sauce. Cover and cook on P5 for 5 to 7 minutes. Stand for 2 to 3 minutes before serving.
To cook by Sensor Cook:
Prepare as above. Cover with plastic wrap. Press **Fish** then ***Start.***
To cook by Auto Cook:
Prepare as above. Cover with plastic wrap. Press **Fish**, select weight 500 g, then ***Start.***

HINT:
When cooking whole fish, remove or shield the eyes before cooking to prevent eyes exploding.

Tomato Basil Mussels

Serves: 4

Ingredients:

1 kg	fresh mussels
¼ cup	water
1 tablespoon	olive oil
1	leek, sliced
1	clove garlic, crushed
1 can (440 g)	tomato pieces
1 tablespoon	tomato paste
½ teaspoon	oregano
2 tablespoons	chopped fresh basil
	freshly ground black pepper

Method:

Place mussels and water into a bowl. Cover and cook on P7 for 3 to 5 minutes. Set aside. Place oil, leeks and garlic into a 3-litre dish. Cover and cook on P10 for 2 minutes. Stir well, add tomatoes, tomato paste, oregano, basil and pepper. Mix well. Cook on P10 for 3 to 4 minutes. Add mussels. Cover and cook on P10 for 2 to 3 minutes. Serve immediately.

Bouillabaisse

Serves: 4 to 6

Ingredients:

2 tablespoons	olive oil
2	onions, sliced
1	large leek, sliced
4	cloves garlic, crushed
400 g	can tomato pieces
½ cup	tomato paste
4 cups	hot fish stock
⅓ cup	dry white wine
1 tablespoon	fresh thyme leaves
½ teaspoon	saffron powder
1 teaspoon	chilli powder
	freshly ground black pepper
	salt
500 g	firm fish fillets, chopped
1 kg	green prawns, peeled

Method:

Place oil, onions, leek and garlic in a 4-litre dish. Cover and cook on P10 for 6 to 8 minutes. Stir halfway through cooking. Add tomatoes, tomato paste, fish stock, wine, thyme, saffron, and chilli powder. Season with salt and pepper. Cook on P10 for 12 to 15 minutes. Add fish fillets and prawns. Cook on P10 for 6 to 8 minutes or until seafood is cooked. Serve garnished with fresh thyme.

Garlic Prawns

Serves: 2

Ingredients:

60 g	butter
1 teaspoon	minced garlic
1 tablespoon	lemon juice
1 tablespoon	chopped parsley
500 g	peeled green prawns

Method:

Place butter and garlic in 1-litre dish and cook on P10 for 30 to 50 seconds. Add lemon juice, parsley and prawns. Cook on P6 for 5 to 7 minutes, stirring halfway through cooking. Serve in individual ramekins.

Sweet Scallop Stir Fry

Serves: 2 to 4

Ingredients:

1 tablespoon	oil
1	onion, quartered
½ teaspoon	crushed garlic
½	large red capsicum, sliced
2	sticks celery, sliced
2 tablespoons	sliced water chestnuts
100 g	snow peas
1 tablespoon	honey
1 tablespoon	sweet chilli sauce
1 tablespoon	chopped mint
500 g	scallops

Method:

In a 2-litre casserole dish place oil, onions and garlic. Cook on P10 for 1 to 2 minutes. Add remaining ingredients and cook on P10 for 3 to 5 minutes, stir halfway through cooking. Serve immediately.

Oysters Kilpatrick

Makes: 12

Ingredients:

2 rashers	bacon, rind removed and bacon finely chopped
1 tablespoon	worcestershire sauce
2 teaspoons	lemon juice
12	oysters in shell

Method:

Mix together bacon, worcestershire sauce and lemon juice in small bowl. Cover bacon mixture with paper towel and cook on P10 for 1 to 2 minutes. Place oysters in shell evenly around dinner plate and sprinkle with bacon mixture. Cook on P10 for 1 to 1½ minutes. Serve with drinks or as an entree.

Seafood Marinara

Serves: 4

Ingredients:

250 g	scallops
250 g	green prawns, shelled and deveined
1 (approx. 275 g)	squid, cleaned and sliced
2 tablespoons	butter
1	clove garlic, crushed
2	tomatoes, peeled and chopped
1 tablespoon	tomato paste
¼ cup	white wine
1 teaspoon	basil
	pepper
	chopped parsley

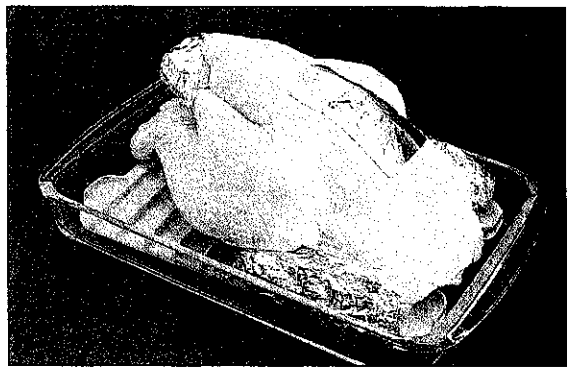
Method:

Place cleaned seafood into 2-litre casserole dish. Set aside. Place butter and garlic in 1-litre casserole dish. Cook on P7 for 1 minute. Add remaining ingredients (except seafood), to dish and cook on P10 for 5 minutes. Purée tomato mixture in blender or food processor and pour over seafood. Cook on P6 for 7 to 9 minutes. Stand for 5 minutes. Serve with salad and pasta.

Directions for Cooking Whole Poultry by Microwave

Season as desired, but salt after cooking. Browning sauce mixed with equal parts of butter will enhance the appearance.
Poultry must be unstuffed. Tie legs together with cotton string. Place on a microwave rack set in a rectangular dish. Place poultry breast-side down: turn over halfway through cooking. Cover with wax paper to prevent splattering.
If the poultry is not cooked enough, return it to the oven and cook a few more minutes at the recommended power level.
DO NOT USE A CONVENTIONAL MEAT THERMOMETER IN THE MICROWAVE OVEN.
Let stand, covered with foil, 10 to 15 minutes after cooking. Standing time allows the temperature to equalize throughout the food and finishes the cooking process.
If a large amount of juice accumulates in the bottom of the baking dish, occasionally drain it. If desired, reserve juices for making gravy.
Less-tender birds should be cooked in liquid such as soup or broth. Use ¼ cup per 500 g of poultry.
Use an oven cooking bag or a covered casserole. Select a covered casserole deep enough so that bird does not touch the lid.
If an oven cooking bag is used, prepare according to package directions. Do not use wire twist-ties to close bag. Use only nylon tie, a piece of cotton string, or a strip cut from the open end of the bag. Make six 2 cm slits on top of bag.

Multiply the weight of the poultry by the minimum recommended minutes per 500 g. See chart below. Programme Power and Time.
After cooking, check the internal temperature of the bird with a microwave or conventional meat thermometer inserted into the muscle. Check temperature in both muscles. The thermometer should not touch bone. If it does, the reading could be inaccurate. A thermometer cannot be accurately inserted into a small bird. To check desired cooking of a small bird, juices should be clear and the drumsticks should readily move up and down after standing time.
During cooking, it may be necessary to shield legs, wings and the breast bone with foil to prevent overcooking. Wooden toothpicks can be used to hold foil in place.



Directions for Cooking Poultry Pieces by Microwave

Cover with wax paper or paper towel. Use the chart below to determine recommended minimum cooking times.
Arrange pieces skin-side down and evenly spread in a shallow dish.
Turn or rearrange halfway through cooking. Shield wing tips, drumstick ends etc., if required.

Poultry Chart for Microwave Cooking by Time

POULTRY	POWER	TEMPERATURE AFTER COOKING	APPROX. COOKING TIME (minutes per 500 g)
Chickens (up to 2 kg)	P7	87°C	10 to 15
Chicken (pieces)	P7	87°C	8 to 10
Turkey	P7	87°C	10 to 15
Duck	P7	87°C	10 to 15

Cooking Whole Chicken by Sensor Cook (S)

Whole Chicken (1.4 kg - 2.0 kg)

- Whole chickens should be cooked directly from the refrigerator and totally thawed.
- Tie legs together with string.
- Place onto a microwave rack set inside a dish.
- Place whole poultry breast side down.
- Do not stuff poultry with raw meat, bread crumbs or cooked rice, seasonings may be used.
- Marinate or baste chicken before cooking for added flavour and colour.
- Cover dish completely and securely with plastic wrap.
- Anytime during the cooking time, the oven will 'beep' and instruct you to turn over. At this time, shield the wings and drumstick ends, if needed. Remove plastic.
- Let stand 10 to 15 minutes at the completion of cooking. This makes carving the meat easier and ensures that the heat is even throughout.

To Operate: Press **Whole Chicken**, then press ***Start***.

Cooking Chicken Pieces by Sensor Cook (S)

Chicken Pieces (250 g - 1.5 kg)

- Suitable for cooking chicken pieces.
- Chicken pieces should be completely thawed before cooking.
- Marinate chicken pieces before cooking for added flavour and colour.
- Arrange chicken pieces skin side down with thicker, meatier portions towards the edge of dish.
- Cover dish securely with plastic wrap.
- Anytime during the cooking time, the oven will 'beep' and instruct you to 'RE-ARRANGE'. Remove the plastic wrap completely from dish. There is no need to re-cover.
- Let stand 5 to 10 minutes at the completion of cooking.

To Operate: Press **Chicken Pieces**, then press ***Start***.

Scrambled Eggs

Serves: 2

Ingredients:

4 x 61 g	eggs
4 tablespoons	milk
	pinch of salt

Method:

In 1-litre casserole dish, beat eggs lightly with whisk. Add milk and salt. Whisk until well combined. Cover dish with plastic wrap and cook on P6 for 2 to 2½ minutes. Stir egg and cook for further 2½ to 3 minutes. Stand, covered, for 1 minute before serving.

Cooking Chicken Pieces by Auto Cook A

Chicken Pieces (400 g - 1000 g)

- Suitable for cooking chicken pieces such as wings, drumsticks, thighs, half breasts etc.
- Chicken pieces should be thawed completely before cooking.
- Marinate chicken pieces prior to cooking, for added flavour and colour.
- Arrange chicken pieces in a single layer in a dish with the thickest portions at the edge of the dish.
- Halfway through the cooking time, the oven will 'beep' and prompt you to turn over and rearrange the chicken pieces.
- At the end of cooking, stand covered, for 5 to 10 minutes before serving.

To Operate for Auto Cook:
NN-S553: Press **Chicken Pcs.** to select weight required, then press ***Start***.

Cooking Eggs by Microwave

Boiled Eggs: Do not boil eggs in your microwave. Raw eggs boiled in their shells can explode and cause serious injury.

Poached Eggs: The membrane on egg yolks must be pierced before cooking, otherwise steam will build up and cause yolk to pop.

Scrambled Eggs: Slightly undercook scrambled eggs as they will finish cooking during standing.

Poached Eggs

Serves: 2

Ingredients:

2 x 61 g	eggs
½ cup	hot tap water
	dash of vinegar
	pinch of salt

Method:

Place one quarter of cup of water, dash of vinegar and pinch of salt into 2 ramekin dishes or small glass bowls. Heat water on P10 for 30 - 60 seconds. Break egg into the water and with toothpick pierce the egg yolk twice and egg white several times. Cover dish with plastic wrap and cook on P6 for 1 to 1½ minutes.
Stand, covered, for 1 minute before serving.
Note: The size of the eggs will alter cooking time.

Green Peppercorn Chicken

Serves: 4

Ingredients:

20 g	butter
500 g	sliced chicken breast fillets
2 tablespoons	green peppercorns
1 tablespoon	seeded mustard
1 teaspoon	chicken stock powder
2 tablespoons	lemon juice
½ cup	cream

Method:

Place butter in a 3-litre casserole dish. Cook on P10 for 20 sec. Add chicken and cook on P7 for 8 to 10 minutes stirring halfway through cooking. Mix together mustard, stock powder, lemon juice and cream. Pour over chicken, stir. Cook on P10 for 2 to 3 minutes.

Chicken Curry

Serves: 4

Ingredients:

1	onion, chopped
2 tablespoons	red curry paste
500 g	chicken fillets, sliced
2 cups	finely sliced vegetables
1 cup	coconut milk

Method:

Place onion and curry paste in 3-litre casserole dish. Cook on P10 for 4 to 5 minutes. Add chicken and combine. Cook on P7 for 6 minutes, stirring once during cooking. Add vegetables and coconut milk. Stir well. Cover and cook on P10 for 4 to 6 minutes. Serve with Jasmine rice.

Chicken Cacciatore

Serves: 4

Ingredients:

1 can (440 g)	tomatoes
¼ cup	tomato paste
1 teaspoon	minced garlic
1	onion, diced
2 teaspoons	dried oregano
1 kg	chicken drumsticks

Method:

Place all ingredients in 2-litre casserole dish. Stir until combined. Cover and cook on P7 for 10 to 12 minutes. Turn chicken and stir. Cook on P7 for 10 to 12 minutes.

HINT:
After cooking whole poultry, cover with foil to retain heat while finishing the remainder of the meal.

Roast Chicken (S)

Serves: 4 to 6

Ingredients:

1.5 kg	chicken
2 tablespoons	melted butter
	seasonings of your choice
	lemon, pepper, seasoned salt, etc.

Method:

Clean and pat dry chicken with paper towel. Brush chicken with melted butter and sprinkle with seasoning. Place chicken, breast-side down, on rack in 3-litre dish. Cook on P7 for 30 to 35 minutes. Turn halfway through cooking.

To cook by Sensor Cook:

Prepare as above. Cover with plastic wrap. Press **Whole Chicken** then ***Start***.

Chicken Burritos

Serves: 4 to 6

Ingredients:

1	clove garlic, crushed
2	large onions, chopped
1 teaspoon	chilli powder (optional)
1 (35 g)	packet taco seasoning mix
500 g	chicken tenderloins, diced
1 can (425 g)	red kidney beans
½ cup	tomato paste
½ cup	water
1 cup	grated cheese
10	tortillas

Method:

Combine all ingredients except cheese and tortillas in 3-litre casserole dish. Cover and cook on P7 for 18 to 20 minutes, stirring twice during cooking. Serve in warmed tortillas topped with grated cheese.

Thai Chicken Wings (S) A

Serves: 3 to 4

Ingredients:

1 kg	chicken wings
2 tablespoons	soy sauce
2 tablespoons	fish sauce
2 tablespoons	lime juice
1 teaspoon	crushed garlic
1 teaspoon	crushed ginger
1 teaspoon	crushed chilli

Method:

Place drumsticks into a shallow dish. Combine remaining ingredients and pour over drumsticks. Marinate for at least 2 hours in the refrigerator. Drain chicken from marinade and return to dish. Cook on P7 for 15 to 20 minutes, rearranging halfway through cooking.

To cook by Sensor Cook:

Prepare as above. Cover with plastic wrap. Press **Chicken Pieces**, then ***Start***.

To cook by Auto Cook:

Prepare as above. Press **Chicken Pieces**. Select weight 1000 g, then ***Start***.

Coq au Vin

Serves: 4 to 6

Ingredients:

750 g	chicken thigh fillets, diced
4 rashers	bacon, chopped
8	baby onions, peeled
2 cloves	garlic, crushed
½ cup	white wine
1½ cups	chicken stock
¼ cup	tomato paste
300 g	button mushrooms
1 tablespoon	plain flour

Method:
Place chicken, bacon, onions and garlic in a 3-litre casserole dish cook on P10 for 8 to 10 minutes. Add remaining ingredients except flour cook on P6 for 20 to 25 minutes, stirring halfway through cooking. Mix flour with two tablespoons water and stir into chicken mixture. Cook on P10 for 2 to 3 minutes. Serve with rice or crusty bread.

Chicken San Choy Bau

Serves: 4 to 6

Ingredients:

10	dried chinese mushrooms
2 teaspoons	sesame oil
1	clove garlic, chopped
500g	minced chicken
10	water chestnuts, finely chopped
125g	can bamboo shoots, chopped
1 tablespoon	soy sauce
2 teaspoons	oyster sauce
2 tablespoons	dry sherry
1	small iceberg lettuce

Method:
Cover mushrooms with boiling water, stand for 30 minutes. Drain, remove stems and chop finely. Place oil and garlic in a 2 litre casserole dish, cook on high for 50 to 60 seconds. Add pork and chicken and cook on medium high for 8 to 10 minutes. Add remaining ingredients except lettuce and cook on medium high for 5 to 6 minutes. Separate lettuce leaves. place tablespoons of mixture into each lettuce leaf. Serve immediately.

Chicken Rolls with Honey Mustard

Serves: 4 to 6

Ingredients:

8	chicken thigh fillets
16	prunes, pitted
8	spring onions
2 tablespoon	flaked almonds
4 rashers	rindless bacon, halved lengthwise
Honey Mustard Glaze	
1 tablespoon	brown sugar
1 tablespoon	French Mustard
1 tablespoon	honey
10 g	butter, melted
	ground black pepper

Method:
Open out each thigh fillet and trim away fat. Place 2 prunes, some spring onion and a few flaked almonds on each fillet. Roll fillets up and wrap a piece of bacon around each one. Secure with toothpicks. Blend all glaze ingredients together in a small bowl. Place chicken into a 3-litre dish in a single layer and brush with glaze mixture. Cook on P7 for 16 to 20 minutes, turning halfway through cooking.

Chicken and Asparagus Risotto

Serves: 4

Ingredients:

300 g	fresh asparagus, chopped
2 tablespoon	olive oil
1 ½ cups	arborio rice
1	clove garlic, crushed
4 cups	boiling chicken stock
2 cups	coarsely chopped cooked chicken
¼ cup	grated fresh parmesan cheese
¼ cup	cream
	ground black pepper
extra	coarsely grated parmesan cheese

Method:
Place asparagus into 2-litre dish and cook on P10 for 1 minute.Set aside. Place oil, rice and garlic in a large microwave safe bowl. Cook covered on P10 for 1 minute. Add 2 cups of boiling chicken stock, cook on P10 for 5 minutes. Stir twice during cooking. Add remaining chicken stock and cook on P10 for another 5 minutes. Add remaining ingredients along with asparagus and stir into risotto. Cook covered on P10 for 2 minutes. Stand for 5 minutes. Serve topped with extra parmesan and black pepper.

Honey Sesame Drumsticks (S) A

Serves: 3 to 4

Ingredients:

1 kg	chicken drumsticks
1 teaspoon	chopped garlic
1 teaspoon	chopped ginger
¼ cup	soy sauce
¼ cup	honey
2 tablespoons	sesame seeds

Method:
Place all ingredients in 2-litre bowl, stir until combined. Marinate for at least 2 hours or overnight. Remove chicken from marinade and place in shallow dish with the meatiest ends to the outside. Cook on P7 for 18 to 20 minutes, turning once during cooking.
To cook by Sensor Cook:
Prepare as above. Cover with plastic wrap.
Press **Chicken Pieces**, then ***Start***.
To cook by Auto Cook:
Prepare as above. Press **Chicken Pieces**. Select weight 1000 g, then ***Start***.

Directions for Cooking Tender Cuts of Meat by Microwave

For best results, select roasts that are uniform in shape.

Place meat on a microwave rack in a suitable dish. Beef rib roast should be placed cut-side down. Other bone-in roasts should be placed fat-side down. Boneless roasts should be placed fat-side up. Halfway through cooking, turn roasts. Half hams should be shielded by wrapping an 8 cm wide strip of foil around the large end of the ham. Secure to the body of the ham with wooden toothpicks. Fold 3 cm over cut surface. For shank ham halves, shield shank bone by cupping it with foil. One third of the way through cooking, remove ham from oven and cut off skin. Turn fat side up and reshield edges. If desired, glaze last 10 to 20 minutes of cooking. Loosely cover baking dish with wax paper or paper towel to prevent splatter. If a large amount of juice accumulates in the bottom of the dish, drain occasionally. If desired, reserve for making gravy. Multiply the weight of the roast by the minimum recommended times per 500 g. Programme Power and Time.
Meats can be shielded at the beginning of cooking or halfway through cooking. If you wish to shield at the beginning of cooking, remove foil halfway through the cooking time. Beef and pork rib roasts should be shielded by the bones. Foil should extend about 5 cm down from bones. The shank and thin ends of boneless roasts should also be shielded. Make sure foil does not touch the sides of the oven, as arcing may occur. Canned hams should be shielded on the top cut-edge with a 3 cm strip of foil. Wrap strip of foil around ham and secure to body of ham with wooden toothpicks. Fold 2 cm over cut surface. After heating, check temperature using a meat thermometer. The thermometer should not touch bone or fat. If it does, the reading could be inaccurate. Lower temperatures are found in the centre of the roast and in the muscle close to a large bone, such as a pork loin centre rib roast. If the temperatures are low, return meat to the oven and cook a few more minutes at the recommended power level. DO NOT USE A CONVENTIONAL MEAT THERMOMETER IN THE MICROWAVE OVEN. Let stand, covered with foil, 10 to 15 minutes. During standing time the internal temperature equalises and the temperature rises 5°C to 10°C.

Directions for Cooking Less-Tender Cuts of Meat by Microwave

Less-tender cuts of meat such as pot roasts should be cooked in liquid. Use ½ to 2 cups of soup, broth, etc. per 500 g of meat. Use an oven cooking bag or covered casserole when cooking less-tender cuts of meat. Select a covered casserole deep enough so that the meat does not touch the lid. If an oven cooking bag is used, prepare the bag according to package directions. Do not use wire or metal twist-ties. Use the nylon tie provided, otherwise, use a piece of cotton string or a strip cut from the open end of the bag. Make six 2 cm slits in top of bag to allow steam to escape. Multiply the weight of the roast by the minimum recommended minutes per 500 g. Programme Power and Time. Turn meat over halfway through cooking. Meat should be tender when cooked.

Meat Chart for Microwave Cooking

MEAT	POWER	APPROX. COOKING TIME (minutes per 500 g)
Beef		
Roasts		
Rare	P6	8 to 10
Medium	P6	10 to 12
Well	P6	12 to 14
Chuck, Flank, Brisket	P2	25 to 30
Pork		
Leg of Pork	P7	12 to 15
Loin of Pork	P7	12 to 15
Pork Chops	P7	6 to 8
Ham Canned (fully cooked)	P7	5 to 7
Lamb		
Medium	P6	9 to 11
Well	P6	11 to 13

Curries (250 g - 750 g)

(Weight of only meat)

- Cut meat or chicken and vegetables into even size pieces.
- Place curry paste, meat, onion and hard vegetable into a suitable size casserole dish, do not use plastic dishes. Cover with plastic wrap. Press curries then Start.
- When oven beeps add remaining ingredients including liquid and continue to cook.
- At the end of cooking time, allow to stand for 5-10 minutes.
- Use 125 ml liquid per 250 g meat.

To Operate for Sensor/Auto Cook:
Press **Curries**, then press ***Start***.

Thai Beef Curry (S) A

Serves: 4 to 6

Ingredients:

1	onion, thinly sliced
2 tablespoons	Thai green curry paste
500 g	thinly sliced lean beef
½	red capsicum, thinly sliced
1	carrot, thinly sliced
1	zucchini, sliced
200 g	broccoli, broken into flowerets
1 cup	coconut milk
1 tablespoon	soy sauce
1 tablespoon	lemon juice
2 tablespoons	shredded fresh basil
½ cup	roasted unsalted peanuts

Method:
Place the onion and curry paste into a 4-litre dish. Cook on P10 for 2 to 3 minutes. Add the beef and cook on P10 for 4 to 6 minutes, stirring halfway through cooking. Add the vegetables and coconut milk and cook on P10 for 6 to 8 minutes. Mix in the soy sauce, lemon juice and basil and serve sprinkled with peanuts.
To cook by Sensor Cook/Auto Cook:
Follow general directions, Press **Curries** then ***Start***.

Lamb Korma (S) A

Serves: 4

Ingredients:

1	onion, diced
500 g	lamb, cubed
⅓ cup	korma curry paste
2 cups	carrots sliced
250 ml	tomato puree
2 tablespoons	natural yoghurt

Method:
Place onion, lamb, curry paste and carrot in a 3-litre casserole dish. Cook on P10 for 4 minutes. Add tomato puree and stir, cook on P6 for 10 minutes, stirring once during cooking. Stir in yoghurt and serve with basmati rice.
To cook by Sensor/Auto Cook:
Press **Curries**, then press ***Start***.

Mussaman Beef Curry (S) A

Serves: 4

Ingredients:

500 g	round steak diced
⅓ cup	mussaman curry paste
400 g	potato diced
250 ml	coconut milk
1 tablespoon	brown sugar

Method:
Place steak, curry paste and potato in a 3-litre casserole dish cook on P10 for 5 minutes. Add coconut milk and brown sugar, stir, cook on P6 for 10 minutes. Stir once during cooking serve with jasmine rice.
To cook by Sensor/Auto Cook:
Follow general directions. Press **Curries** then press ***Start***.

HINT:
It is better to cook meat for a lesser time in a recipe and add extra time if needed. This will prevent over cooking.

General Guide to Curries

Serves	Weight of meat	Amount of liquid (coconut milk, stock)	Weight of hard vegetables
2	250 g	125 ml	200 g
4	500 g	250 ml	400 g
6	750 g	375 ml	600 g

Cooking Casseroles by Sensor Cook (S)

(500g – 2.0kg Weight includes all ingredients)

- Suitable for cooking casseroles with less tender cuts of meat combined with liquid and vegetables.
- Cut meat and vegetables into even sized pieces
- Place in a suitable sized dish. Dish should be approximately ¾ full.
- Do not use plastic dishes as incorrect cooking time may result.
- Add ½ to 1 cup of soup, broth or stock per 500g of meat.
- Cover securely with plastic wrap
- Anytime during cooking the oven will "beep" and instruct you to STIR.
- After stirring, place back into the oven and press start to allow casserole to finish cooking
- At the end of cooking time, allow the casserole to stand for 5 to 10 minutes.

To Operate Sensor Cook:
Press **CASSEROLE** then press ***Start.***

Goulash

Serves: 4

Ingredients:

500 g	lamb, diced
1	onion, chopped
1	clove garlic, crushed
1 tablespoon	butter
2 tablespoons	tomato paste
½ teaspoon	paprika
1	small capsicum, cut into 2.5 cm cubes
1 cup	beef stock
2 tablespoons	flour
2 tablespoons	water
2 tablespoons	sour cream

Method:
Place onion, garlic and butter in 3-litre casserole dish. Cook on P10 for 1 to 2 minutes. Add tomato paste and paprika. Cook on P10 for a further 2 minutes. Add lamb, capsicum and stock. Cover and cook on P6 for 25 to 30 minutes, stirring halfway through cooking. Mix flour with 2 tablespoons of water and stir into goulash mixture. Cook on P10 for 1 to 2 minutes. Stir in sour cream and serve with pasta and rice.

Corned Beef

Serves: 4

Ingredients:

1.5 to 1.7 kg	corned silverside
1 tablespoon	brown sugar
1 tablespoon	white vinegar
1	onion, cut in half
4	cloves
6	peppercorns
1	bay leaf
3 cups	water

Method:
Rinse corned silverside under cold running water to remove excess salt. Place corned silverside in 4-litre casserole dish. Add remaining ingredients. Cover and cook on P10 for 10 minutes. Turn meat, cover and cook on P3 for 1¼ to 1½ hours. Stand corned silverside in cooking liquid for 10 minutes before carving.
Note: Depending on the size and shape of the silverside, it may require a further 10 to 15 minutes on P3.

Lamb Pilau

Serves: 4

Ingredients:

1 tablespoon	oil
1	large onion, sliced
4	lamb shoulder chops, chopped
400 g	can tomato pieces
2 tablespoons	garam masala
1 teaspoon	dried thyme
1 cup	long grain rice
600ml	hot chicken stock
150g	natural yoghurt
	freshly ground black pepper

Method:
Place the onion and oil in a 3 litre dish. Cover and cook on P10 for 2 to 3 minutes. Add lamb, tomato pieces, garam masala, and thyme. Cover and cook on P7 for 10 minutes. Stir. Cook on P7 for a further 10 minutes. Add the rice and chicken stock and cook covered on P5 for a further 30 minutes or until the rice is tender. Stir in yoghurt, season with pepper and serve.

Beef Bourguignonne

Serves: 4 to 6

Ingredients:

750 g	cubed chuck steak
4 rashers	bacon
6	spring, onions
4 teaspoons	minced garlic
½ cup	red wine
425 ml	tomato puree
1 cup	beef stock
250 g	button mushrooms
1 teaspoon	minced chilli
1 teaspoon	tarragon

Method:
Place all ingredients in a 3-litre casserole dish, stir until combined. Cover and cook on P7 for 10 to 15 minutes.Stir and cook on P6 for 25 to 30 minutes. Stirring once during cooking.

Spaghetti Meat Sauce

Serves: 4 to 6

Ingredients:

500 g	minced beef
1	onion, chopped
1 teaspoon	minced garlic
1 can (425 g)	tomatoes
1 cup	tomato paste
2	beef stock cubes
1 teaspoon	dried mixed herbs
	pepper

Method:
Combine all ingredients in 3-litre casserole dish. Cook on P7 for 10 minutes, stir. Cook on P7 for 14 to 18 minutes. Stir halfway through cooking. Serve with spaghetti.

Beef Stroganoff

Serves: 4

Ingredients:

1	onion, sliced
750 g	rump steak sliced thinly
2 tablespoons	tomato sauce
2 tablespoons	worcestershire sauce
1	beef stock cube
⅓ cup	sour cream
200 g	sliced mushrooms
1 teaspoon	paprika

Method:
Place all ingredients (except sour cream and mushrooms) in 3-litre casserole dish. Stir until combined. Cover and cook on P7 for 7 to 9 minutes, stirring once during cooking. Add sour cream and mushrooms. Stir and cook on P7 for 3 to 4 minutes.

Chinese Beef and Vegetables

Serves: 4 to 6

Ingredients:

500 g	rump steak sliced
1 teaspoon	chopped ginger
1 teaspoon	chopped garlic
1 tablespoon	soy sauce
¼ cup	Hoisin Sauce
¼ cup	sweet chilli sauce
3 cups	sliced vegetables

Method:
Place steak, ginger and garlic in 3-litre casserole dish. Cook on P10 for 1 minute. In 1-cup jug, combine soy sauce, Hoisin Sauce and beef stock. Add to meat mixture. Cook on P10 for 3 to 4 minutes. Add the vegetables, cover and cook on P10 for 3 to 5 minutes, stirring halfway through cooking. Let stand for 5 minutes before serving.

French Onion Beef Casserole

Serves: 4

Ingredients:

1	onion, chopped
1 teaspoon	mixed dried herbs
200 g	diced potatoes
500 g	chuck steak, chopped
20 g	French onion soup mix
⅓ cup	tomato paste
2 cups	beef stock

Method:
Place onion and herbs in 3-litre casserole dish. Cook on P10 for 1 to 2 minutes. Add remaining ingredients, stir until combined. Cover and cook on P10 for 12 minutes. Stir and cook on P6 for 25 to 27 minutes, stirring once during cooking.

Seasoned Roast Lamb

Serves: 4 to 6

Ingredients:

1.4 kg	leg of lamb
1 tablespoon	seeded mustard
1 tablespoon	rosemary

Method:
Place lamb fat side down on rack set in 3-litre dish. Brush with mustard and rosemary. Cook on P6 for 30 to 35 minutes, turn halfway through cooking. Stand, covered, for 15 minutes before slicing.

Chilli Beef

Serves: 4

Ingredients:

500 g	topside beef mince
1 teaspoon	minced garlic
1 (35 g)	packet chilli seasoning mix
1 can (400 g)	tomato purée
1 can (440 g)	kidney beans, drained

Method:
Place all ingredients in shallow dish. Mix well. Cook on P10 for 20 to 22 minutes. Stir halfway through cooking. Serve in taco shells with chopped tomatoes and shredded lettuce or with a salad and crusty bread.

Cooking Fresh Vegetables by Microwave

Place vegetables in a casserole dish. Add 2 to 3 tablespoons of water per 500 g of vegetables. Add salt to water or add after cooking. Do not place salt directly on vegetables. Cover dish with glass lid or plastic wrap.
Cook on P10 according to time recommended in the chart. Halfway through cooking, stir, turn vegetables over or rearrange.
Vegetables that are to be cooked whole and unpeeled, need to be pierced to allow steam to escape. Place vegetables on a paper towel lined dinner plate. Allow to stand, covered, according to the time indicated in the charts.

Fresh Vegetables Chart for Time Cooking

Vegetables should be covered and cooked on P10 power for best results. Weights given are trimmed weights.

VEGETABLE	QUANTITY	COOKING PROCEDURE	APPROX. COOKING TIME (in minutes) on P10
Asparagus	250 g	Covered dish with ¼ cup water.	2 to 4
Beans (finely sliced)	250 g	Covered dish with ¼ cup water.	3 to 5
Beetroot	4 whole (1 kg)	Covered with 1 cup water in 4-litre dish. Stand after cooking - 5 mins.	14 to 18
Broccoli	250 g	Covered dish with ¼ cup water.	4 to 6
Brussels Sprouts	500 g	Covered dish with ¼ cup water.	4 to 6
Cabbage	500 g	Shredded, with ¼ cup water in covered dish.	6 to 8
Carrots	4 (sliced finely) 250 g	With ¼ cup water in covered dish.	3 to 4
Cauliflower	500 g	With ¼ cup water in covered dish.	5 to 7
Celery	6 stalks (400 g) cut in 1 cm pieces	With ¼ cup water in covered dish.	4 to 6
Corn	2 ears (500 g) 4 ears (1 kg)	Brush with melted butter and cook in covered dish.	4 to 6 8 to 10
Eggplant	1 (500 g)	Dice with ¼ cup water in covered dish.	4 to 6
Mushrooms	250 g (sliced)	Cook with 2 tablespoons butter in covered dish.	2 to 4
Onions	3 (200 g)	Cut in quarters with ¼ cup water in covered dish.	5 to 7
Peas	250 g	Shell peas and place with ¼ cup water in covered dish.	3 to 5
Potatoes-Mashed -Jacket	500 g 3 Med	Peeled and quartered with ¼ cup water. Covered. Cook uncovered on paper towel lined plate.	10 to 12 6 to 8
Pumpkin	500 g	Peeled and cut into uniform pieces with ¼ cup water in covered dish.	7 to 9
Spinach	250 g	Remove stem, cut leaves into small pieces. Cook with ¼ cup water in covered dish.	3 to 5
Sweet Potato	500 g	In serving size pieces with 2 tablespoons water in covered dish.	6 to 8
Turnips	500 g	Peeled and sliced finely with ¼ cup water in covered dish.	6 to 8
Tomatoes	2 (300 g)	Sliced and cooked covered.	2 to 4
Zucchini	500 g	Cut in 2 cm pieces in covered dish.	5 to 7

Frozen Vegetables by Microwave

Remove vegetables from package and place in an appropriate sized container. Vegetables frozen in a pouch should be placed on a dish and the top pierced. Cook on P10 according to directions given in chart. Vegetables should be cooked covered with a lid or plastic wrap.

Halfway through cooking, stir, turn vegetables over or rearrange. Stir after cooking. Allow to stand for 2 to 3 minutes before serving.

Frozen Vegetables Chart for Microwave Cooking

VEGETABLE	QUANTITY	COOKING PROCEDURE	APPROX. COOKING TIME (in minutes) on P10
Beans	250 g	Cook in covered 2-litre dish.	4 to 6
Broad Beans	250 g	Cook in covered 2-litre dish.	5 to 7
Broccoli (spears)	350 g	Cook in covered 2-litre dish.	5 to 7
Brussels Sprouts	250 g	Cook in covered 2-litre dish.	5 to 7
Carrots (baby)	250 g	Cook in covered 2-litre dish.	6 to 8
Cauliflower	500 g	Cook in covered 2-litre dish.	5 to 7
Corn (½ cob)	½ ear (75 g)	Cook in covered 2-litre dish.	3 to 4
Corn (cobs)	250 g	Cook in covered 2-litre dish.	5 to 7
Mixed Vegetables	250 g	Cook in covered 2-litre dish.	5 to 7
Peas	250 g	Cook in covered 2-litre dish.	4 to 6
Spinach	250 g	Cook in covered 2-litre dish.	4 to 6

Frozen Vegetables by Sensor Cook (S)

(120 g - 1.0 kg)

- Suitable for all types of frozen vegetables.
- Place in a suitable size dish.
- Best results are achieved if large quantities are placed in a single layer.
- Add 1 tablespoon to ¼ cup water to vegetables, if a softer texture is desired.
- Butter, herbs etc. may be added before heating, but do not add salt until serving.
- Cover dishes securely with plastic wrap or a fitted lid.
- Anytime during the cooking time, the oven will 'beep' and prompt you to stir vegetables.
- At the end of the cooking time, stir vegetables and let stand, covered, for 2 to 3 minutes.

To Operate:
Press **Frozen Vegetables**, then press ***Start***.

Frozen Vegetables by Auto Cook A

(120 g - 750 g)

- Suitable for heating varieties of frozen vegetables, including peas, beans, corn kernels, broccoli, cauliflower etc.
- Place larger pieces or quantities in a single layer for best results.
- Add 1 tablespoon to ¼ cup water, if you prefer a softer cooked texture.
- Very icy vegetables that have frozen in a solid mass may require slightly longer cooking times.
- Place vegetables in an appropriate size dish. Use the following as a guide:

Weight	Dish Size
120 g	500 ml
250 g	750 ml
500 g	1 litre
750 g	2 litre

- Cover with plastic wrap or a well fitting lid. Halfway through the cooking time, the oven will 'beep' and prompt you to stir and rearrange the vegetables.
- If desired, butter, herbs etc. may be added, but do not add salt until serving. (Salt dehydrates vegetables during cooking.)
- At the end of the cooking time, stir vegetables and let stand, covered, for 2 to 3 minutes.

To Operate:
Press **Froz. Veg.** to select weight required, then press ***Start***.

COOKING VEGETABLES AND ROOT VEGETABLES BY SENSOR COOK AND AUTO COOK (S) A

Vegetables

(120 g - 500 g by Sensor Cook)
(120 g - 370 g by Auto Cook)

- Suitable for cooking all types of leaf, green and soft varieties of vegetables, including broccoli, squash cauliflower, cabbage, asparagus, beans, celery, zucchini, spinach, capsicum or a mixture of these.
- All vegetables should be trimmed or prepared and cut into evenly sized pieces.
- Add 1 tablespoon to ¼ cup of water to vegetables if dehydrated or a softer cooked texture is desired.
- Place in a suitable size dish.
- Butter, herbs, etc., may be added before heating, but do not salt vegetables until serving.
- Cover dishes securely with plastic wrap or a fitted lid.
- At the completion of heating, stir larger quantities of vegetables. Let stand, covered, for 2 to 3 minutes.

To Operate by Sensor Cook:
Press **Vegetables**, then press ***Start***.

To Operate by Auto Cook:
NN-S553: Press **Vegetables** to select weight required, then press ***Start***.

Root Vegetables

(250 g - 1.0 kg by Sensor Cook)
(250 g - 900 g by Auto Cook)

- Suitable for cooking root vegetables such as potatoes, sweet potatoes, pumpkin, onions, swede, carrots, turnip and beetroot.
- All vegetables should be trimmed or prepared and cut into even sized pieces.
- Add 1 tablespoon to ¼ cup of water to vegetables if dehydrated or a softer cooked texture is desired.
- Place into an appropriate size dish and cover securely with plastic wrap or a fitted lid.
- If desired, butter, herbs etc. may be added but do not add salt until after cooking.
- Halfway through the cooking time, the oven will 'beep' and prompt you to rearrange the vegetables.
- At the completion of cooking, stir larger quantities of vegetables. Let stand, covered, for 2 to 3 minutes.

To Operate by Sensor Cook:
Press **Root Vegetables**, then press ***Start***.

NN-S553: Press **Root Veg.** to select weight required, then press ***Start***.

DRIED BEANS OR PEAS BY MICROWAVE

Place hot tap water in 4-litre dish. Bring hot water to the boil on P10 for 10 to 12 minutes. Add beans and 2 tablespoons oil to water. Cook according to directions in chart. Stir. Allow to stand, covered, for 15 to 20 minutes.

Note: Beans such as red kidney beans and lima beans should be soaked overnight before cooking. 250 g of dried beans equals about 3 cups cooked beans. Use in place of canned beans.

Dried Beans and Peas Chart for Microwave Cooking

ITEM	CONTAINER	AMOUNT OF HOT WATER	APPROX. TIME TO BOIL HOT WATER on P10 (in minutes) COVERED	TO COOK BEANS on P3 (in minutes) COVERED
Lentils (250 g)	4-litre dish	2 litres	10 to 12	15 to 20
Soup Mix (250 g)	4-litre dish	2 litres	10 to 12	20 to 25
Split Peas or Lentils (250 g)	4-litre dish	2 litres	10 to 12	25 to 30
Beans (250 g) Soaked overnight	4-litre dish	2 litres	10 to 12	25 to 30

Potato Bake

Serves: 4 to 6

Ingredients:

750 g	peeled and sliced potatoes
300 ml	cream
¼ cup	milk
3	shallots, sliced
2	bacon rashers, chopped
½ cup	grated cheese

Method:

Combine potatoes, cream and milk in 2-litre casserole dish. Cook on P10 for 15 to 18 minutes. Top with shallots, bacon and cheese. Cook on P10 for 5 minutes.

Vegetable Frittata

Serves: 4 to 6

Ingredients:

400 g	potatoes, thinly sliced
½	red capsicum, sliced into strips
½	green capsicum, sliced into strips
1	tomato, diced
2 tablespoons	fresh basil, chopped
4	eggs
⅓ cup	sour cream
½ teaspoon	cracked black pepper
½ cup	grated tasty cheese

Method:

Place potatoes in a 2-litre shallow dish. Cook on P10 for 5 to 7 minutes. Arrange capsicum in a circular pattern on top of potato sprinkle with tomato and basil. Beat together eggs and sour cream in a jug. Pour over vegetables. Cook on P6 for 3 to 5 minutes. Sprinkle with pepper and cheese and cook on P6 for 7 to 9 minutes.

Creamed Spinach (S) A

Serves: 4

Ingredients:

1	bunch spinach, roughly chopped
4	spring onions, finely chopped
1	clove garlic, crushed
2 tablespoons	sour cream
	salt and pepper

Method:

Cook washed spinach leaves, shallots and garlic in covered 3-litre casserole dish on P10 for 5 to 7 minutes.

To cook by Sensor Cook:

Prepare as above. Cover with plastic wrap. Press **Vegetables**, then ***Start***.

To cook by Auto Cook:

Prepare as above. Cover with plastic wrap. Press **Auto Cook Vegetables**, select weight 250 g, then ***Start***.

Drain well by squeezing between two dinner plates. Toss through remaining ingredients. Season to taste. Cook on P10 for 1 to 2 minutes. Serve.

Ardennis Style Potatoes (S) A

Serves: 4

Ingredients:

4	medium sized potatoes
100 g	ham, finely diced
3 tablespoons	snipped chives
50 g	butter
½ cup	grated Cheddar cheese
	ground black pepper

Method:

Scrub potatoes, wash and pat dry with paper towel. Prick skins and place in 2-litre casserole dish. Cook on P10 for 6 to 8 minutes.

To cook by Auto Cook:

Prepare as above. Cover with plastic wrap. Press **Auto Cook Root Vegetables**. Select weight 900 g, then ***Start***.

To cook by Sensor Cook:

Prepare as above. Cover with plastic wrap. Press **Root Vegetables**, then ***Start***.

Allow to cool slightly. Cut tops off potatoes and scoop out pulp from centre, leaving 1 to 2 cm in shell. Mash pulp and combine with remaining ingredients. Spoon filling back into potato shells. Place potatoes in 2-litre casserole dish. Cook on P10 for 2 to 3 minutes.

Cauliflower Au Gratin (S)

Serves: 4

Ingredients:

500 g	cauliflower, trimmed and cut into pieces
2 tablespoons	water
2 tablespoons	butter
1	small onion, finely chopped
2 tablespoons	flour
1 cup	milk
½ cup	grated tasty cheese

Method:

Place cauliflower and water in shallow casserole dish. Cover and cook on P10 for 6 to 8 minutes.

To cook by Sensor Cook:

Prepare as above. Cover with plastic wrap. Press **Vegetables**, then ***Start***.

Stand, covered, while making sauce. Place butter and onion in 4-cup glass jug. Cook on P10 for 1 to 2 minutes. Stir in flour and cook on P10 for 1 minute. Add milk gradually. Stir well. Cook on P10 for 2 to 3 minutes, stirring halfway through cooking. Drain cauliflower and pour over sauce. Sprinkle with cheese. Cook on P7 for 1 to 2 minutes.

Note: Depending on size and arrangement of cauliflower pieces, timing will vary.

HINT:

TO SKIN TOMATOES: Cut a cross into the tomato skin. Place 1 cup of hot tap water in 2 to 3 cup jug or bowl and heat on P10 for 1½ minutes or until boiling. Add 1 tomato and heat for a further 20 to 30 seconds. Remove and repeat procedure with remaining tomatoes. The skin will be loosened and can be easily removed.

Vegetable Curry

Serves: 4

Ingredients:

1	onion, sliced
2 tablespoons	green curry paste
3 cups	sliced vegetables
1 can (440 g)	chick peas, drained
1 cup	coconut milk
1 tablespoon	lemon juice
1 tablespoon	soy sauce
½ cup	chopped nuts

Method:

Place onion and curry paste in 3-litre casserole dish. Cook on P10 for 2 minutes. Add vegetables, chick peas, coconut milk, lemon juice and soy sauce. Cook on P10 for 6 to 8 minutes. Sprinkle with chopped nuts. Serve with jasmine rice.

Herbed Vegetables

Serves: 4 to 6

Ingredients:

200 g	sliced snow peas
200 g	sliced carrots
200 g	sliced zucchini
2 tablespoons	chopped fresh parsley

Method:

Place snow peas, carrots and zucchini in 2-litre casserole dish. Cover. Cook on P10 for 6 to 7 minutes, stirring once during cooking. Sprinkle with parsley. Serve.

Tomato Vegetable Casserole (S)

Serves: 4 to 6

Ingredients:

200 g	mushrooms, sliced
1	eggplant, chopped
200 g	zucchini, sliced
1	capsicum, sliced
1	onion, sliced
1 can (410 g)	tomatoes
½ cup	tomato purée
1 tablespoon	chopped basil
1 teaspoon	minced garlic

Method:

Place mushrooms, eggplant, zucchini, capsicum and onion in a 3-litre casserole dish. Cover. Cook on P7 for 10 minutes. Add tomatoes, tomato purée, herbs and garlic. Re-cover and cook on P10 for 8 to 10 minutes.

To cook by Sensor Cook:

Prepare vegetables as above. Cover with plastic wrap. Press **Vegetables** then ***Start***.
Add remaining ingredients. Cover with plastic wrap. Cook on P10 for 8 to 10 minutes.

HINT:
It is better to slightly undercook vegetables as they will soften on standing. Allow to stand, covered, with plastic wrap or a lid.

HINT:
Wrap jacket potatoes in foil after cooking. They will retain their heat for about 15 to 20 minutes.

Savoury Brussels Sprouts (S) A

Serves: 4

Ingredients:

250 g	brussels sprouts
2 tablespoons	butter
150 g	bacon, finely chopped
1	onion, finely chopped
1 teaspoon	dill or basil
1 teaspoon	sugar

Method:

Wash and drain brussels sprouts. Cook in covered 2-litre casserole dish on P10 for 4 to 5 minutes.

To cook by Sensor Cook:

Prepare as above. Cover with plastic wrap.
Press **Vegetables**, then ***Start***.

To cook by Auto Cook:

Prepare as above. Cover with plastic wrap.
Press **Auto Cook Vegetables**. Select weight 250 g, then ***Start***.
Drain and set aside. Place remaining ingredients in separate 2-litre casserole dish. Cook on P10 for 3 to 5 minutes. Add brussels sprouts and cook on P10 for 1 to 2 minutes. Serve.

Honey Glazed Carrots and Sugar Snap Peas

Serves: 4 to 6

Ingredients:

350 g	carrots (approximately 4)
150 g	sugar snap peas, trimmed
2 tablespoons	brown sugar
2 teaspoons	butter
2 tablespoons	honey
1 tablespoon	toasted sesame seeds

Method:

Peel and thinly slice carrots. Combine all ingredients in 2-litre casserole dish. Cover and cook on P10 for 6 to 8 minutes, stirring halfway through cooking. Serve.

To cook by Sensor Cook:

Prepare as above. Cover with plastic wrap.
Press **Vegetables**, then ***Start***.

Parmesan Asparagus (S) A

Serves: 2 to 4

Ingredients:

1	bunch of asparagus spears
2 tablespoons	water
1 tablespoon	butter
1	clove garlic, crushed
1 tablespoon	grated Parmesan cheese

Method:

Place asparagus and water in 2-litre casserole dish. Cover and cook on P10 for 2 to 4 minutes.

To cook by Sensor Cook:

Prepare as above. Cover with plastic wrap.
Press **Vegetables**, then ***Start***.

To cook by Auto Cook:

Prepare as above. Cover with plastic wrap.
Press **Auto Cook Vegetables**. Select weight 180 g, then ***Start***.
Drain. Place butter and garlic in small dish and cook on P10 for 1 minute. Add drained asparagus and mix lightly. Cook on P10 for a further 1 minute. Sprinkle Parmesan cheese over asparagus. Serve.

Cooking Legumes by Sensor Cook and Auto Cook (S) A

- Suitable for cooking chickpeas, split peas dried beans and peas and brown rice.
- Cover legumes with cold water and soak overnight, drain.
- Place legumes and fresh water into an appropriate sized dish.(See table for quantities)

Amount of Legumes	Amount of Water	Dish Size
1 cup	3 cups	2 litre
2 cups	4 cups	3 litre
3 cups	6 cups	4 litre
4 cups	8 cups	4 litre

- For sensor cook, cover with plastic wrap. Press **Legumes**, then press ***Start***.
- For Auto Cook leave uncovered. Press **Legumes** to select weight required, then press ***Start***.
- Anytime during cooking the oven will beep and prompt you to stir. Remove covering.
- At the end of cooking time, allow legumes to stand for 5 minutes if required.

Red Coconut Dhal (S) A

Serves: 4 to 6

Ingredients:

1 cup	red lentils
1 teaspoon	turmeric
400 ml	can coconut milk
250 ml	water
1 teaspoon	crushed red chilli
1 teaspoon	crushed garlic
lemon juice to taste	

Method:

Place all ingredients in a 2 litre casserole dish. Stir and cook on P6 for 20 to 25 minutes, stirring twice during cooking.

To cook by Sensor Cook:

Prepare as above; cover with plastic wrap, press **Legumes** then ***Start***.

To cook by Auto Cook:

Prepare as above. Press **Auto Cook** to **Legumes**, then ***Start***.

Hummus (S) A

Ingredients:

1 cup	chick peas, water for soaking
3 cups	water, extra
2 tablespoons	lemon juice
2 teaspoon	turmeric
¼ cup	tahini (sesame paste)
1 tablespoon	minced garlic
2 tablespoons	olive oil

Method:

Place chichpeas and water into a 4-litre casserole dish and soak overnight. Drain.

Place chickpeas and extra water into a 3-litre casserole dish and cook on P6 for 25 to 30 minutes. Drain, process with remaining ingredients.

To cook by Sensor Cook:

Prepare as above; cover with plastic wrap, press **Legumes** then ***Start***.

To cook by Auto Cook:

Prepare as above. Press **Auto Cook** to **Legumes**, then select 2 cups, then ***Start***.

Chickpea Salad with Coriander Dressing (S) A

Serves: 4 to 6

Ingredients:

1 cup	dried chickpeas, water for soaking
3 cups	water, extra
1	red capsicum, diced
1	lebanese cucumber, diced
250 g	Cherry tomatoes, quartered
1	Spanish onion, diced

Coriander Dressing:

½ cup	lemon juice
2 teaspoons	sugar
½ cup	chopped fresh coriander
1 teaspoon	chopped red chilli

Method:

Cover chickpeas with water and soak overnight. Drain. Place chickpeas and extra water into a 3-litre dish and cook on P7 for 25 to 30 minutes.

To cook by Sensor Cook:

Prepare as above, cover with plastic wrap, press **Legumes** then ***Start***.

To Cook by Auto Cook:

Prepare as above, press **Auto Cook** to **Legumes**, select 2 cups, then ***Start***.

Drain and allow to cool.

Combine remaining salad ingredients in a large bowl and mix well.

Dressing:

Combine all ingredients in a screw top jar, shake well. Pour over salad and toss well.

Lentil Hot Pot (S) A

Serves: 4 to 6

Ingredients:

900 g	New Potatoes
2	onions, diced
2	carrots, diced
2	stalks celery, sliced
3	cloves garlic, crushed
1 teaspoon	curry powder
1 (415 g)	can diced tomatoes
1 cup	vegetable stock
2 tablespoon	tomato paste
¾ cup	red lentils, washed
½ cup	grated cheese
paprika	
1 tablespoon	chopped parsley

Method:

Wash potatoes and place onto a paper towel lined plate. Cook on **Sensor Cook** or **Auto Cook Root Vegetables** or P7 for 10 to 12 minutes. Set aside. Place onion, carrot, celery and garlic into a 3 litre dish. Cook on P7 for 7 to 8 minutes. Add curry powder and cook on P7 for a further 1 minute. Add tomatoes, stock, tomato paste and lentils. Cook on P7 for 20 to 24 minutes, stirring halfway through cooking. Slice potatoes thickly and layer over the top of lentil mixture. Sprinkle with grated cheese, paprika and parsley. Cook on P10 for 4 to 6 minutes.

To cook by Sensor Cook:

Prepare as above; cover with plastic wrap, press **Legumes** then ***Start***.

To cook by Auto Cook:

Prepare as above. Press **Auto Cook** to **Legumes**, then select 1 cup, then ***Start***.

Cooking Rice by Microwave

Follow directions in chart for recommended dish size, amounts of water and cooking time. Add rice to water. Add salt and butter according to package directions. Cook on P10 for time recommended in chart. Allow to stand, covered, before serving. For special rice, substitute beef or chicken stock for water. Add cooked onion, mushrooms or crumbled bacon before serving.

ITEM	CONTAINER	AMOUNT OF WATER	APPROX. TIME TO COOK GRAIN on P10 UNCOVERED (in minutes)	STANDING TIME (in minutes)
RICE				
Quick Cook Brown (1 cup)	4-litre dish	2⅓ cups	15 to 18	5
Brown (1 cup)	4-litre dish	3 cups	25 to 30	10
Long Grain (1 cup)	3-litre dish	2 cups	12 to 14	5
Short Grain (1 cup)	3-litre dish	2 cups	12 to 14	5
Jasmine (1 cup)	3-litre dish	2 cups	12 to 14	5

Cooking Rice by Sensor Cook (S)

Rice (1 cup - 2½ cups)

- Suitable for cooking short and long grain rice including Jasmine, Basmati.
- It is not suitable for cooking brown rice or wild rice.

* Note: Brown rice may be cooked on Legumes setting.

- Place rice with water in a suitable dish. We recommend the following proportions of rice to cold tap water:

Rice	Water	Dish Size
1 cup	2 cups	3 litre
1½ cups	3 cups	3 litre
2 cups	4 cups	4.5 litre
2½ cups	5 cups	4.5 litre

It may be necessary to adjust the water to your personal preference.

- Using a large size dish will prevent the rice from boiling over.
- Do not cook rice in plastic dishes as incorrect cooking times may result.
- Cover dish securely with plastic wrap or a well fitted lid.
- Halfway through cooking, the oven will 'beep' and instruct you to stir and 'REMOVE COVER'. Remove the plastic wrap or lid and stir. There is no need to cover the rice again.
- At the completion of the cooking time, let stand 5 to 10 minutes.

To Operate: Press **Rice**, then press ***Start***.

Cooking Rice by Auto Cook [A]

Rice (1 cup - 2½ cups)

- Suitable for cooking white rice including short, long grain, Jasmine and Basmati.
- Place rice with water in a suitable sized dish. Use the following as a guide:

Rice	*Water	Dish Size
1 cup	2 cups	3 litre
1½ cups	3 cups	3 litre
2 cups	4 cups	4.5 litre
2½ cups	5 cups	4.5 litre

*(It may be necessary to adjust the amount of water to your personal preference.)

- Rice will boil over if the dish used is too small.
- Cook rice uncovered.
- Do not cook in plastic containers unless suitable for high temperature cooking.
- Stand rice for 5 to 10 minutes after cooking, if necessary.
- This setting is not suitable for cooking brown rice. Brown rice may be cooked on Legumes setting.

To Operate:
Press **Rice** to select serve, then press ***Start***.

PAELLA

Serves: 6 to 8

Ingredients:

500 g	mussels
¼ cup	water
1	green capsicum, sliced
1	red capsicum, sliced
2	onions, sliced
1	clove garlic, crushed
2 tablespoons	butter
2 cups	long grain rice
1 can (440 g)	peeled tomatoes, roughly chopped
2 cups	hot chicken stock
	pinch saffron powder
1½ cups	cooked diced chicken
200 g	peeled green prawns

Method:
Place mussels and water in 3-litre dish. Cover and cook on P7 for 3 to 5 minutes. Set aside. Place capsicum, onion, garlic and butter into 4-litre dish and cook on P10 for 4 to 5 minutes. Add rice and stir well. Cook on P10 for 2 to 4 minutes. Stir in tomatoes, hot chicken stock and saffron. Cook on P10 for 16 to 18 minutes. Stir in chicken, prawns and mussels. Cook on P7 for 4 to 6 minutes. Stand for 10 minutes before serving.

FRAGRANT COCONUT RICE (S) A

Serves: 4 to 6

Ingredients:

1	onion, chopped
2 cups	long grain rice
600 ml	chicken stock
300 ml	coconut milk
1 teaspoon	turmeric

Method:
Place all ingredients in 3-litre casserole dish. Stir. Cook on P10 for 15 to 18 minutes. Cover and let stand 10 minutes before serving.
To cook by Sensor Cook:
Prepare as above. Cover with plastic wrap.
Press **Rice**, then ***Start***.
When oven beeps, remove plastic wrap, stir.
To cook by Auto Cook:
NN-S553: Prepare as above. Press **Rice**, select 2.0 cups then ***Start***.

SEASONED RICE A

Serves: 4 to 6

Ingredients:

1	onion, chopped
1 cup	long grain rice
1 teaspoon	thyme
1½ cups	chicken stock
¼ cup	toasted slivered almonds

Method:
Place onion, rice, thyme and chicken stock in 3-litre casserole dish. Cook on P10 for 14 to 16 minutes. Stir, cover, and let stand for 10 minutes. Stir through slivered almonds and serve hot.
To cook by Sensor Cook:
Prepare as above. Cover with plastic wrap.
Press **Rice**, then ***Start***.
When oven beeps, remove plastic wrap.
To cook by Auto Cook:
NN-S553: Prepare as above. Press **Rice**, select 1.0 cup then ***Start***.

FRIED RICE

Serves: 4

Ingredients:

1 tablespoon	sesame oil
1	clove garlic, crushed
1 cm	piece of green ginger, finely chopped
1	small carrot, finely chopped
1	stick celery, sliced
½	green or red capsicum, cut in strips
4	spring onions, chopped
2	eggs
	black pepper
1	small can prawns
1 tablespoon	soy sauce
6 cups	cooked rice

Method:
Place oil, garlic and ginger in large shallow dish and cook on P10 for 30 to 40 seconds. Add carrot, celery and capsicum. Cook a further 2 minutes on P10. Break eggs into small dish, add pepper to taste, mix well and cook on P7 for 1 to 1½ minutes. Slice into thin strips. Add eggs plus all remaining ingredients to vegetable mixture. Stir well and cook on P10 for 3 to 5 minutes to heat thoroughly. Serve.

Note: 1 cup uncooked rice will yield 2 cups cooked rice.
Rice can be cooked using **Sensor Cook** and **Auto Cook** functions.

CHICKEN RISOTTO

Serves: 4

Ingredients:

1	onion, sliced
2 cups	short grain rice
1 teaspoon	dried oregano
1 teaspoon	cracked black pepper
4 cups	chicken stock
¼	green capsicum, sliced
¼	red capsicum, sliced
200 g	mushrooms, sliced
½ cup	frozen peas
2	cooked chicken breast fillets, sliced
¼ cup	grated parmesan cheese

Method:
Place onion, rice, oregano, pepper and chicken stock into a 4-litre dish. Cook on P10 for 17 to 19 minutes. Add remaining ingredients, stir well and cook on P10 for 4 minutes. Serve.

HINT:
TO REHEAT 2 CUPS OF COOKED RICE:
Add 1 to 2 tablespoons of water or a knob of butter and cook on P10 for 2 to 3 minutes.

Cooking Risotto by Sensor Cook (S)

- Suitable for cooking many basic risotto recipes and variations.
- Onions and garlic should be pre-cooked with 1 tablespoon of oil before adding rice and stock.
- Follow general directions in chart below for quantities of rice and amounts of stock.
- Always use arborio rice or shortgrain rice.
- Chicken , vegetable, beef or fish stock may be used.
- Stock should be boiling when added to rice otherwise cooking times may be incorrect.
- Cover dish securely with plastic wrap at stage 1.
- During the cooking time the oven will beep and instruct you to REMOVE COVER / STIR. Remove plastic wrap completely from dish. Add remaining stock. There is no need to re-cover for stage 2.
- At the end of stage 2 add grated parmesan cheese , stir through and cook for 2 to 4 minutes on P10.
- Standing time may be required at the end to allow risotto to finish cooking.

To Operate:
Press **Risotto**, then press ***Start***.

Basic Risotto Recipe

Serves 4

Ingredients:

1 tablespoon	olive oil
1	onion, diced
1	clove garlic, crushed
1½ cups	Arborio rice
4 cups	boiling stock
¼ cup	grated Parmesan cheese.

Method
Pre-Cook:
Place oil, onion and garlic in a 3-litre ceramic dish. Cook on P10 for 1 to 2 minutes or until softened.
Stage 1:
Add rice and 2 cups of boiling stock to dish. Cover dish securely with plastic wrap. Press RISOTTO, then Press START.
Stage 2:
When oven beeps, remove plastic and stir in remaining stock.
Note: other ingredients may be added at this stage. eg. vegetables, cooked meats etc.
Return to oven and press start.
Stage 3:
At the end of cooking time, stir in grated Parmesan cheese and cook on for 2 to 4 minutes or until melted.

General Quantities For Cooking Risotto

	Pre cook	Stage 1		Stage 2	Stage 3
	P 10 for 1 to 2 min.	Rice	Boiling Stock	Boiling Stock	P 10 for 2 to 4 min.
2 serves	½ onion 1 clove garlic 1 tablsp. Oil	¾ cup	250ml	250ml	2 tablespoons parmesan
4 serves	1 onion 2 cloves garlic 2 tablsp. Oil	1½ cups	500ml	500ml	¼ cup parmesan
6 serves	2 onions 3 cloves garlic 3 tablsp. Oil	2¼ cups	750ml	750ml	⅓ cup parmesan

Cooking Pasta by Microwave

Follow directions in chart for recommended dish size, amount of water and cooking time. Boil water, with 1 teaspoon salt and 1 tablespoon oil. Add pasta and cook for time recommended in chart. Cook on P10. Test pasta for desired cooking before adding more time. Slightly undercook pasta that will be heated again in casserole. Stir and let stand, uncovered, 5 minutes.

ITEM	CONTAINER	AMOUNT OF WATER	APPROX. TIME TO COOK PASTA on P10 UNCOVERED (in minutes)	STANDING TIME (in minutes)
Dried Fettuccine (250 g)	4-litre dish	6 cups	10 to 12	5
Elbow Macaroni, shells, etc. (250 g)	3-litre dish	4 cups	12 to 14	5
Fresh Spaghetti, Fettuccine (375 g)	4-litre dish	6 cups	6 to 8	5
Dried Spaghetti (250 g)	4-litre dish	4 cups	12 to 14	5
Fresh Tortellini, Ravioli (250 g)	4-litre dish	4 cups	7 to 9	5
Gnocchi (250g fresh)	4-litre dish	4 cups	4 to 6	5

Cooking Dried and Fresh pasta by Sensor Cook (S)

Fresh Pasta (150 g - 500 g)

- Suitable for cooking fresh pasta such as fettuccine, tagliatelle, tortellini, ravioli and agnolotti. (Gnocchi should be cooked by manual MICRO POWER.)
- Place pasta in an appropriate size dish with boiling water. Use the above chart as a guide:
- Follow directions as for dried pasta as below.

To Operate: Press **Fresh Pasta**, then press ***Start***.

Dried Pasta (150 g - 500 g)

- Suitable for cooking dried pasta such as spaghetti,fettuccine, macaroni, penne, spiral and various pasta shapes.
- Place pasta in an appropriate size dish with boiling water. Use the following as a guide:

Pasta	Boiling Water	Dish Size
150g	4 cups	3 litre
250g	5 cups	3 litre
350g	6 cups	4 litre
500g	8 cups	4 litre

- Add 1 tablespoon of oil, if desired, before cooking to prevent pasta from sticking together.
- Cover dish with plastic wrap or a well fitting lid.
- Halfway through the cooking time, the oven will 'beep' and instruct you to ' Remove Cover'. Remove plastic wrap or lid and stir.
- At the end of the cooking time, cover and let stand for 5 to 10 minutes, if required, before draining.

To Operate: Press **Dried Pasta**, then press ***Start***.

Cooking Dried and Fresh pasta by Auto Cook A

Pasta (Dried 150 g - 500 g)

- Suitable for cooking dried pasta such as spaghetti, fettucine, macaroni, penne, spiral etc.
- See chart below for dish size and quantities.

To Operate:
Press **Dried Pasta**. Press to select weight then press ***Start***.

Fresh Pasta (150 g - 500 g)

Suitable for cooking fresh pasta such as fettuccine, tagliatelle, tortellini, ravioli and agnolotti. (Gnocchi should be cooked by manual MICRO POWER.)

- Place pasta in an appropriate size dish with boiling water. Use the following as a guide:

Pasta	Boiling Water	Dish Size
150g	4 cups	3 litre
250g	5 cups	3 litre
350g	6 cups	4 litre
500g	8 cups	4 litre

- When cooking, the oven will 'beep' and prompt you to stir halfway through the cooking time.
- At the end of the cooking time, let stand, covered, for 5 to 10 minutes, if required. Then drain.

To Operate:
Press **Dried Pasta**. Press to select weight then press ***Start***.

Mushroom and Ricotta Lasagne

Serves: 4

Ingredients:

1 tablespoon	olive oil
5 cups	mushrooms, sliced
1	onion, diced
2	cloves garlic, crushed
1 cup	milk
375 g	ricotta cheese
½ cup	tomato paste
1 tablespoon	fresh basil, chopped
2 tablespoons	grated parmesan cheese
9	precooked lasagne sheets
¼ cup	grated cheese
2 tablespoons	parmesan cheese extra

Method:
Place oil, mushrooms, onion and garlic in a 2 litre casserole dish and cook on P10 for 3 to 4 minutes, stirring halfway through cooking. Add half of the milk and allow to cool. In a 1 litre dish combine ricotta, tomato paste, basil, milk, parmesan cheese. Spoon half the mushroom mixture on the base of a square casserole dish. Top with three lasagne sheets and spread with cheese mixture and top with three lasagne sheets continue with remaining mixture finishing with the cheese mixture on top. Sprinkle with extra grated cheese and parmesan. Cook on P7 for 15 to 20 minutes.

Creamy Sun-Dried Tomato Penne (S) A

Serves: 4

Ingredients:

250 g	penne
6 cups	boiling water
½ cup	sun-dried tamatoes in oil, drained
1 cup	basil leaves
¼ cup	toasted pinenuts
⅓ cups	grated parmesan cheese
300 ml	cream
½ cup	sliced ham
¼ cup	grated parmesan cheese, extra

Method:
Place pasta and water in a 4-litre casserole dish. Cook on P10 for 14 to 16 minutes, or cook by **Sensor Cook** or **Auto Cook**.
While pasta is cooking, prepare sauce. Place all ingredients except ham and extra parmesan cheese. process until smooth. Drain pasta and add sauce. Serve topped with ham and extra parmesan cheese.
To cook by Sensor Cook:
Prepare as above. Cover with plastic wrap.
Press **Dried Pasta**, then ***Start***.
To cook by Auto Cook:
Prepare as above. Press **Auto Cook Dried Pasta** or **Pasta**, select 250 g then press ***Start***.

Spaghetti with Chilli Tomato Sauce (S)

Serves: 4

Ingredients:

250 g	spaghetti
4 cups	boiling water
1 tablespoon	olive oil
1	onion, finely chopped
2	cloves garlic, crushed
1 can (425 g)	crushed tomatoes
2 teaspoons	crushed chillies
1 tablespoon	fresh chopped basil
1 tablespoon	pepper

Method:
Place spaghetti and water in 3-litre casserole dish. Cook on P10 for 12 to 14 minutes, or cook by **Sensor Cook** or **Auto Cook**.
Stand, covered, for 2 minutes. Drain. Place oil, onion and garlic in 4-cup jug. Cook on P10 for 1 to 2 minutes. Add tomatoes, chillies, basil and pepper. Stir until combined. Cover and cook on P7 for 10 to 15 minutes, stirring halfway through cooking. Serve with spaghetti.
To cook by Sensor Cook:
Prepare as above. Cover with plastic wrap.
Press **Dried Pasta**, then ***Start***.
To cook by Auto Cook:
NN-S553: Press **Dried Pasta**. Press **Dried Pasta** in succession and weight is chosen.

Creamy Bacon Sauce

Makes: Approximately 300 ml

Ingredients:

1	onion, chopped
3	bacon rashers, chopped
1 teaspoon	minced garlic
300 ml	cream
¼ cup	Parmesan cheese
	pepper
2 tablespoons	chopped fresh parsley

Method:
Place onion, bacon and garlic in 2-litre casserole dish. Cook on P10 for 4 to 5 minutes. Add cream, Parmesan cheese, pepper, parsley and stock. Mix well. Cook on P10 for 3 to 4 minutes. Serve with cooked Fettuccine.

Macaroni and Cheese

Serves: 4 to 6

Ingredients:

40g	butter
2	onions, finely chopped
2 tablespoons	flour
2 cups	milk
1 cup	grated tasty cheese
6 cups	cooked macaroni, drained well
½ cup	extra grated tasty cheese
	paprika

Method:
Place butter and onions in 2-litre casserole dish and cook on P10 for 3 to 5 minutes. Add flour, mix well and cook on P10 for 1 minute. Blend in milk and cook on P10 for 4 to 5 minutes, stirring halfway through cooking. Add cheese to sauce. Place macaroni and sauce in 3-litre casserole dish. Mix well.
Top with extra cheese and sprinkle with paprika. Cook on P10 for 6 to 8 minutes.
Note: Macaroni can be cooked using Sensor Cook and Auro Cook functions.

Cooking Dried Noodles by Microwave

Follow directions in chart recommended dish size, amount of water and cooking time. Add 1 tablespoon of oil to water to prevent noodles from sticking together. Add noodles and cook for time recommended in chart. Cook noodles on P10. Test noodles for desired cooking before adding extra time. Slightly undercook noodles that will be cooked again in a stir-fry or recipe. Always drain noodles immediately after cooking or they may overcook on standing.

ITEM	CONTAINER	AMOUNT OF BOILING WATER	APPROX. TIME TO COOK NOODLES on P10 UNCOVERED (in minutes)	INSTRUCTION
2 minutes noodles (85 g)	1-litre	500 ml	2 to 3	drain immediately
Long Life Asian Noodles (250 g)	3-litre	1 litre	5 to 6	drain immediately
Rice Vermicelli (125 g)	2-litre	1 litre	3 to 4	drain immediately

Cooking Fresh Noodles (S) by Sensor Cook (150 g - 500 g)

- Suitable for cooking fresh noodles such as Hokkien, Singapore, Udon, Soba, Rice noodles.
- Place noodles and water as recommended in chart below in a suitable size dish.
- Cover securely with plastic wrap.
- The oven will beep throughout the cooking time and instruct you to "remove cover/stir". There is no need to re-cover noodles.
- At the end of cooking time, drain and use as required.

Noodles	Tap Water	Dish Size
150g	¼ cup	1-litre
250g	¼ cup	1.5-litre
350g	½ cup	2-litre
500g	½ cup	2.5-litre

To Operate: Press **Noodles**, then press ***Start***.

Teriyaki Tofu Vegetable Noodles

Serves: 4

Ingredients:

1 tablespoons	sesame oil
350 g	firm tofu, diced
1	onion, cut into petais
300 g	stir fry vegetables
1 tablespoon	hoisin sauce
1 tablespoon	teriyaki sauce
1 pkt	2 minute noodles
2 cups	boiling water

Method:

Place oil, tofu and onion in a 3-litre dish and cook on P10 for 2 to 3 minutes. Add vegetables and sauces and cook on P10 for 3 to 4 minutes, stirring once during cooking. Place noodles and water in a 2-litre bowl and cook on P10 for 2 minutes. Stir and drain. Toss noodles through tofu and vegetables and serve.

Szechuan Salad Noodles (S) A

Ingredients:

350 g	fresh Hokkien Noodles
250 g	cooked chicken, shredded
½ cup	roasted cashew nuts

Dressing:

4	spring onions, finely sliced
2 tablespoons	chopped coriander
2	cloves garlic, minced
2 tablespoons	smooth peanut butter
2 tablespoons	sweet chilli sauce
1 tablespoon	soy sauce
1 tablespoon	sweet sherry
2 teaspoons	sesame oil
2 tablespoons	olive oil
2 tablespoons	chicken stock
10	toasted szechuan peppercorns, ground

Method:

Place noodles in a bowl with 1/2 cup water. Cook on P7 for 1 to 2 minutes. Drain and rinse under cold water. Drain well. Combine all dressing ingredients and whisk well. Combine noodles, chicken and cashew nuts and pour over dressing. Toss well to combine. Serve immediately.

To cook Noodles by Sensor Cook:

Prepare as above. Cover with plastic wrap. Press **Noodles**, then ***Start***.

To cook Noodles by Auto Cook:

Prepare as above. Press **Noodles** select **Serving/Weight** then press ***Start***.

Cakes, Desserts and slices can successfully be cooked in the microwave oven if a few simple rules are followed see individual recipes for instructions.

Cakes:

- The texture of cakes cooked in the microwave oven is not the same as cakes cooked in a conventional oven, but it is a convenient way of cooking cakes.
- Do not use metal cake tins, plastic dishes and pyrex, give the best results when cooking cakes. There is no need to grease the dish but you may like to line the dish with paper towel to absorb excess moisture.
- Round or oval shaped dishes produce the most even cooking results. Square cakes may need the corners shielded with foil to prevent overcooking.
- Choose light coloured cakes that can be iced or substitute brown sugar for white sugar and sprinkle the top of cake with spices to give a darker appearance.
- Do not fill cake pans more than half full. Microwaved cakes rise substantially more than conventionally cooked cakes.
- Cakes need to be well mixed but do not over beat. Creaming with an electric mixer or food processor is not necessary. Use a fork to mix as the microwave aerates the mixture as it cooks.
- Do not cover cakes as the top will steam.
- Cakes should be removed from the oven just before they look cooked as the cooking process will finish during standing time.
- Chocolate cakes cook slightly faster than plain cakes.
- Cakes containing a large amount of whisked egg white will not cook successfully in the microwave oven.

Sultana Cake

Serves: 4 to 6

Ingredients:

100 g	butter
1 cup	sultanas
1 cup	brown sugar
1 cup	milk
1	egg, beaten
2 cups	self-raising flour

Method:

Place butter, sultanas, brown sugar and milk in heat resistant mixing bowl. Cook on P10 for 3 to 4 minutes. Stir halfway through cooking. Allow to cool. Add egg and flour. Pour batter into base of lined 20 cm round dish. Cook on P6 for 9 to 11 minutes. Let cool, loosely covered, with plastic wrap on wire rack.

Packet Cake

Ingredients:

1 packet cake mix (340 g)
Ingredients as recommended by manufacturer.

Method:

Mix cake and other ingredients with a metal spoon. DO NOT OVERBEAT. Pour into 20 cm round dish that has been lightly greased and lined with paper. Cook on P8 for 5 to 7 minutes. Stand and allow to cool before removing.

Variations:

- 1 tablespoon jam added to batter before cooking.
- Add 1 cup sour cream to batter and halve water suggested by manufacturer.
- Half a cup chopped nuts, ¼ cup brown sugar and 1 teaspoon cinnamon. Mix and place on base of cake dish before cooking cake.
- Two tablespoons honey and 30 g butter melted in glass jug on P10 30 to 60 seconds. Pour over just baked buttercake. Sprinkle with cinnamon. Serve warm with cream or custard as a dessert or serve cold with cream as tea cake.
- A quarter cup of toasted muesli mixed with 1 tablespoon marmalade and placed in the base of the dish.

Tip: Packet cakes are best mixed by hand as the microwave will do the aerating.

Quick Mix Chocolate Cake

Serves: 4 to 6

Ingredients:

1 cup	self-raising flour
1 cup	caster sugar
2 tablespoons	cocoa
3 tablespoons	butter, softened
2	eggs
⅓ cup	milk

Method:

Sift all dry ingredients into a bowl. Add butter, eggs and milk. Beat with wire whisk for 1 to 2 minutes. Grease 2-litre plastic ring mould and line with paper towel. Pour mixture into mould and cook on P7 for 5 to 7 minutes. Stand, covered, for 5 minutes before turning out. Cool on wire rack.

Tip: To soften butter cook on P5 for 10 to 20 seconds.

Cooking Desserts by Sensor Cook (S)

- For sensor cook models, you can cook many desserts automatically. See recipes marked with (S) on the following pages and follow these general instructions.
- Suitable for desserts with a total weight between 375g – 1.5kg.
- Place desserts in a suitable sized dish (approximately 3/4 full).
- Do not use plastic dishes as incorrect cooking times may result.
- Cover securely with plastic wrap.
- Anytime during cooking, the oven will "beep" and instruct you to 'REMOVE COVER'.
- Return to the oven and press start to complete cooking.
- Allow cooked desserts to stand for 10 minutes at the completion of cooking.

To Operate:
Press **DESSERT** then press ***Start***.

Chocolate Self Saucing Pudding

Serves: 4

Ingredients:

1 cup	self raising flour
1 tablespoon	cocoa powder
1/3 cup	caster sugar
1/2 cup	milk
1 teaspoon	vanilla essence
100 g	chocolate
30 g	butter
3/4 cup	brown sugar
2 tablespoons	cocoa, extra
3/4 cup	water

Method:
Sift flour and cocoa into 2-litre bowl. Add sugar, milk and vanilla essence. Mix well. Place chocolate and butter in 2-cup pyrex jug and cook on P7 for 1 to 2 minutes. Stir and add to mixture. Mix well. Spread mixture into base of 2-litre casserole dish. Combine brown sugar, cocoa and water in 2-cup jug. Pour evenly over pudding. Cook on P10 for 4 to 6 minutes.

HINT:
TO MELT CHOCOLATE:
Place 100 g broken chocolate in 4-cup glass jug and heat on P5 for 1 to 2 minutes. As chocolate holds its shape after heating, stir and stand before adding extra cooking time.

Apple Crumble (S)

Serves: 4

Ingredients:

1 can (780 g)	pie apples
1/2 cup	rolled oats
1/4 cup	plain flour
1/2 cup	desiccated coconut
1/2 cup	brown sugar
1 teaspoon	cinnamon
60 g	butter

Method:
Place apples in the base of 1-litre casserole dish. Place remaining ingredients (except butter) in mixing bowl. Melt butter in 2-cup jug on P6 for 40 to 60 seconds. Combine melted butter with dry ingredients and mix well. Spread evenly over apples. Cook on P10 for 5 to 8 minutes.
To cook by Sensor Cook:
Prepare as above. Cover with plastic wrap.
Press **Dessert**, then ***Start***.

Peach Crumble (S)

Serves: 6 to 8

Ingredients:

80 g	butter
1/2 cup	flour
1/4 cup	caster sugar
1 1/2 cups	toasted muesli
1/2 cup	shredded coconut
1/2 teaspoon	cinnamon
1 can (810 g)	peach slices, drained

Method:
Place butter in 2-litre jug. Cook on P7 for 1 minute. Add flour, sugar, muesli, coconut and cinnamon, stir until combined. Place peaches into 1-litre casserole dish. Place crumble mixture on top of peaches and cook on P10 for 10 to 12 minutes. Serve with cream or ice cream.
To cook by Sensor Cook:
Prepare as above. Cover with plastic wrap.
Press **Dessert**, then ***Start***.

Apricot Cobbler (S)

Serves: 4 to 6

Ingredients:

1 can (810 g)	apricot halves
1	packet butter cake mix
1/2 cup	toasted coconut
70 g	butter, melted

Method:
Arrange apricots on the base of 20 cm casserole dish. Combine cake mix, toasted coconut and butter. Sprinkle cake mixture over apricots. Cook on P10 for 6 to 8 minutes.
To cook by Sensor Cook:
Prepare as above. Cover with plastic wrap.
Press **Dessert**, then ***Start***.

Cooking Fruit by Sensor Cook (S)

(250 g – 1.5 kg)

- For cooking fruits that would be suitable for stewing or poaching.
- Suitable fruits would include rhubarb, apple, berries, stone fruits, kiwi fruit and pears.
- Minimum and maximum weights include sugar and water added to fruits.
- Trim and prepare fruits into uniform pieces
- Add approximately 1½ cup caster sugar and 1½ cup water per 500g fruit.
- If not adding sugar, slightly decrease the water content.
- Do not use plastic dishes to cook fruit as incorrect cooking times may result.
- Place fruit, sugar and water into an appropriate sized dish.
- Cover securely with plastic wrap.
- During the cooking time, the oven will beep and instruct you to stir. Remove cover completely and return fruit to oven to finish cooking.
- Allow to stand for 5 minutes at the completion of cooking.

To Operate: Press FRUIT then press start

Cooking Fruit by Micro Power

FRUIT - Peel, slice, chop into even sized pieces. Place in shallow heatproof dish on turntable.				
Apples - poached	500 g	P10	8	Add 300 ml of water. Only half fill dish. Cover.
Apples - stewed	500 g	P10	6	Only half fill dish. Cover.
Peaches - poached	500 g	P10	4 - 5	Add 300 ml of water. Only half fill dish. Cover.
Pears - poached	500 g	P10	6 - 7	Add 300 ml of water. Only half fill dish. Cover.
Plums - poached	500 g	P10	8	Add 300 ml of water. Only half fill dish. Cover.
Plums - stewed	500 g	P10	8 - 10	Add 30 ml (2 tbsp) of water. Only half fill dish. Cover.
Rhubarb - stewed	500 g	P10	5	Only half fill dish. Cover.

Sweet Berry Sauce

Makes: Approximately 2 cups

Ingredients:

½ cup	caster sugar
½ cup	water
500 g	berries
2 tablespoons	water
1 tablespoon	cornflour

Method:

Combine sugar and water in 3-litre bowl. Cook on P10 for 2 to 3 minutes. Add berries. Cook on P10 for 3 to 4 minutes. Blend water and cornflour. Mix into berry sauce. Cook on P10 for 2 minutes. Serve hot or cold with ice cream.

Cinnamon Poached Pears

Serves: 4

Ingredients:

½ cup	water
¼ cup	caster sugarr

1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
4 pears, peeled and sliced

Method:

Combine water, caster suger and cinnamon in 1-litre jug. Cook on P10 for 2 minutes. Place the pears in 2-litre dish. Pour over syrup and cover. Cook on P10 for 6 to 8 minutes.

Tip: To soften butter cook on P5 for 10 to 20 seconds.

Figs in Riesling and Honey

Serves 4

Ingredients:

8	firm figs
1½ cup	Riesling wine
80 ml	honey
1 teaspoon	lemon juice
1 teaspoon	grated lemon rind
2 tablespoons	chopped pistachio nuts

Method:

Wash and stem the figs place into a 2 litre dish
Combine Riesling, and honey and pour over figs.
Cook on P7 for 6 to 8 minutes
Remove figs from syrup, set aside
Add lemon juice and rind to syrup and cook on P10 for 3 to 4 minutes or until slightly reduced.
Pour syrup over figs and allow to cool. Serve with ice cream or cream and sprinkle with pistachio nuts.

Fruit Mince

Serves: 4

Ingredients:

250 g	mixed dried fruit
1 can (440 g)	crushed pineapple and juice
1	cooking apple peeled, cored and grated
1 cup	brown sugar
1 tablespoon	brandy
1 teaspoon	nutmeg
1 teaspoon	cinnamon
1 tablespoon	cornflour
¼ cup	water

Method:

Combine all ingredients (except cornflour and water) in 2-litre casserole dish. Cook on P7 for 3 to 5 minutes. Blend cornflour with water and stir into fruit mixture. Cook on P10 for 4 to 6 minutes. Stir. Cool. Bottle and seal or use immediately.

Christmas Pudding

Serves: 10 to 12

Ingredients:

250 g	sultanas
250 g	raisins, chopped
125 g	currants
125 g	dates, chopped
100 g	mixed glacé fruit, chopped
100 g	glacé cherries
60 g	mixed peel
½ cup	brandy

Cake Batter:

250 g	butter
250 g	brown sugar
4	eggs
1 cup	flour, sifted
½ teaspoon	ground ginger
½ teaspoon	nutmeg
½ teaspoon	cinnamon
½ teaspoon	allspice
1 tablespoon	golden syrup
1 tablespoon	almond essence
1½ cups	fresh breadcrumbs
1 cup	canned apples

Method:

Place all fruit in large mixing bowl and pour over brandy. The fruit can be soaked overnight for added flavour. Cream butter and sugar in large mixing bowl until light and fluffy. Add eggs (one at a time), beating gently after each addition. Add sifted flour, spices, golden syrup, almond essence, breadcrumbs and apples. Mix well. Add cake mixture to fruits and fold until well combined. Grease a 2.5-litre pudding bowl and line with 2 strips of greaseproof paper to form a cross in the base of the bowl. Pour mixture into bowl and smooth over top. Cook on P3 for 40 minutes. Shield edges with strips of foil secured with string, and continue to cook on P3 for 30 minutes. Let stand, loosely covered, for 10 minutes before serving.

MINCE PIES • CAUTION

REMEMBER even if the pastry is cold to the touch, the filling will be piping hot and will warm the pastry through. Take care not to overheat otherwise burning can occur due to the high fat and sugar content of the filling. Check the temperature of the filling before consuming to avoid burning your mouth.

Boiled Fruit Cake

Serves: 6 to 8

Ingredients:

1 can (435 g)	crushed pineapple and juice
500 g	mixed dried fruit
1 tablespoon	sherry
1 cup	brown sugar
125 g	butter
1 cup	plain flour
1 cup	self-raising flour
1 teaspoon	mixed spice
1 teaspoon	baking soda
2	eggs, lightly beaten
¼ cup	extra sherry or brandy

Method:

Combine pineapple, fruit, sherry, sugar and butter in 2-litre casserole dish. Cook on P10 for 4 to 6 minutes. Stand until cool. Fold in flours, spice, baking soda and beaten eggs. Place batter in a base lined 20 cm souffle dish. Cook on P6 for 16 to 18 minutes. Turn out and sprinkle with extra sherry or brandy. Cover loosely with plastic wrap and allow to cool.

Stirred Custard

Makes: Approximately 400 ml

Ingredients:

3 tablespoons	sugar
2 tablespoons	custard powder
1½ cups	milk
2	egg yolks, lightly beaten
1 teaspoon	vanilla essence

Method:

Combine sugar and custard powder in 4-cup jug. Gradually stir in milk until smooth. Cook on P6 for 4 to 5 minutes, stirring halfway through cooking. Add egg yolks and mix well. Cook on P6 for further 30 to 60 seconds. Add vanilla, stir well and serve.

Brandy Sauce

Makes: 1½ cups

Ingredients:

2 tablespoons	butter
2 tablespoons	cornflour
3 tablespoons	sugar
2 tablespoons	golden syrup
1 cup	milk
¼ cup	brandy

Method:

In a 1-litre pyrex jug melt butter on P10 for 20 to 30 seconds. Blend in cornflour, sugar and golden syrup and cook on P10 for 50 to 60 seconds. Add milk gradually and cook on P6 3 to 3½ minutes. Stirring halfway through cooking. Stir in brandy. Serve hot with fruit or Christmas pudding.

Chocolate Brownies

Serves: 1 x 20 cm square slice pan

Ingredients:

125 g	butter
200 g	chocolate
1 cup	caster sugar
1 teaspoon	vanilla essence
3	eggs
1 cup	plain flour

Method:

Grease and line 20 cm square pyrex dish. Melt butter and chocolate in 2-litre dish on P7 for 2 minute. Stir in sugar, vanilla essence, eggs and flour. Spread into prepared dish. Cook on P7 for 5 to 6 minutes. Refrigerate until cold. Cut into squares.

Chocolate Peanut Butter Squares

Makes: one 30 x 20 cm Dish

Ingredients:

60 g	butter
½ cup	brown sugar
1½ cups	icing sugar
1 cup	peanut butter
1 cup	crushed nuts

Topping:

200 g	dark chocolate
20 g	butter

Method:

Grease and foil line a 30 x 20 cm pan. Set aside. Place butter in a 2 litre dish. Soften on P5 for 10 to 20 seconds. Add brown sugar, icing sugar, peanut butter and crushed nuts. Mix until combined. Press into the base of the prepared pan.

To prepare topping:

Place chocolate and butter into a small dish. Cook on P7 for 1 to 2 minutes. Stir halfway through cooking. Spread over top of prepared base. Refrigerate until cold and cut into squares.

Chocolate Fudge

Makes: 1 x 20 cm square slice

Ingredients:

300 g	chocolate pieces
1 can (400 g)	condensed milk
1 cup	chopped peanuts

Method:

Grease 20 cm square dish. Set aside. Place chocolate and condensed milk in 1-litre jug. Cook on P7 for 2 minutes. Stir. Cook on P7 for 2 minutes. Add nuts and place in prepared dish. Refrigerate and cut into squares when cold.

Precautions

Do not use your oven for home canning or the heating of any closed jar. Pressure will build up and the jar may explode. In addition, the microwave oven cannot maintain the food at the correct canning temperature. Improperly canned food may spoil and be dangerous to consume.

Jars and Bottles

Jars and bottles can be used to warm food to serving temperature. If the lid is removed first. Cooking should not be done in these containers since most are not heat resistant and during extended heating times, heat from food would cause cracking or breaking.

Thermometers are available for use in microwave ovens. DO NOT USE CONVENTIONAL MERCURY TYPE CANDY OR MEAT THERMOMETERS in food while cooking in the microwave oven. Alternatively, a conventional meat thermometer may be used after the food is removed from the oven.

Sterilizing Jars

Jam jars can be sterilized by microwave ready for your jams. Half fill with water and heat them on HIGH power until water boils (approx.3 mins, for 2 jars). Empty and drain upside down on kitchen paper. The jars should be warm when filled with jam.

Tomato Chutney

Makes: 3 cups (750 ml)

Ingredients:

250 g	onion, finely chopped
1.5 kg	ripe tomato, skins removed and chopped
1 teaspoon	salt
1 teaspoon	paprika
	pinch cayenne pepper
150 ml	malt vinegar
175 g	sugar

Method:

Place onions in 3-litre dish. Cover. Cook on P10 for 4 to 5 minutes. Add tomatoes. Cover. Cook on P10 for 5 to 6 minutes. Add salt, spices and vinegar. Stir well. Cook on P10 for 10 minutes, stirring halfway through. Add sugar, stir well and cook on P7 for 35 to 40 minutes. Stirring occasionally. Pour into sterilised jars and seal.

Lemon Butter

Makes: 1 cup (250 ml)

Ingredients:

½ cup	lemon juice
1 tablespoon	lemon rind
⅓ cup	sugar
3	egg yolks
1 tablespoon	butter
1 tablespoon	cornflour

Method:

Blend all ingredients in 4-cup glass jug. Cook on P6 for 4 to 5 minutes, stirring every minute. Pour into hot sterilised jars and seal immediately.

Basic White Sauce

Makes: 1 cup

Ingredients:

2 tablespoons	butter
2 tablespoons	flour
	salt and white pepper
1¼ cups	milk

Method:
Place butter in a 4-cup jug. Cook on P10 for 30 to 40 seconds. Stir in flour, salt and pepper. Gradually add milk, stirring until smooth.Cook on P10 for 2 minutes, stirring every minute.

Tip: For cheese sauce, stir in ½ cup grated cheese once sauce has thickened.

Gravy

Makes: 2 cups

Ingredients:

2 tablespoons	dripping or pan juice
1	small onion, finely chopped
2 tablespoons	flour
1 tablespoon	tomato paste
1½ cups	beef stock
	salt and pepper

Method:
Place dripping or pan juices and onion in 2-cup jug. Cook on P10 for 2 minutes. Add flour, tomato paste and half of the beef stock. Stir well. Cook on P10 for 2 minutes. Add remaining stock. Stir well and cook on P10 for a further 2 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. Serve with the meat of your choice.

Cheese Sauce

Makes: 1½ cups

Ingredients:

40 g	butter
2 tablespoons	flour
1½ cup	milk
½ cup	grated cheese

Method:
Melt butter in 1-litre jug on P10 for 30 seconds. Add flour and mix well. Gradually stir in milk. Cook on P10 for 3 to 4 minutes. Stirring through halfway cooking. Add cheese and cook on P10 for a further 1 to 1½ minute. Stir and serve with vegetables of your choice.

Mint Sauce

Makes: Approximately ¼ cup

Ingredients:

¼ cup	water
1 tablespoon	sugar
2 tablespoons	brown vinegar
2 tablespoons	mint, finely chopped

Method:
Combine all ingredients in 1-cup jug. Cook on P10 for 30 to 60 seconds. Stir well and serve with Roast Lamb.

Lemon Lime Cordial

Makes:approximately 1.5 litres of undiluted cordial

Ingredients:

10	large lemons
6	limes
4 cups	sugar
2 cups	water
2 teaspoons	citric acid

Method:
Squeeze juice from lemons and limes. Place in a 3 to 4-litre dish with the remaining ingredients. Cook on P10 for 8 to 10 minutes. Stir 2 to 3 minutes during this cooking time to dissolve sugar. Cook on P10 for 25 to 30 minutes, or until the mixture has become a syrupy consistency. Set aside to cool. Pour into bottles and seal. Store in the refrigerator and serve with cold water, soda or mineral water and fresh mint leaves if desired.

Rich Chocolate Sauce

Makes: 1¼ cups

Ingredients:

200 g	chocolate pieces
300 ml	cream

Method:
Combine chocolate and cream in 1-litre jug. Cook on P10 for 2 minutes. Mix well. Serve over ice cream.

Strawberry Liqueur

Makes: 750 ml

Ingredients:

500 g	sugar
500 g	washed and hulled strawberries
600 g	brandy or whisky

Method:
Place sugar and strawberries in 4-litre dish. Stir well. Cook on P10 for 15 minutes. Stir in brandy or whisky. Pour into an airtight container. Store refrigerated for 2 to 3 months. Serve in liqueur glasses or as a tall drink with ice cubes and soda water.

HINT:
COOKING SAUCES:
When making some sauces in the microwave oven, less liquid may be needed as less evaporation occurs with a shorter cooking time.